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West Brom's new
England international
Bryan Robson
outjumps John Wark,
of Ipswich.

PREVIEWS



F.A. Cup Sixth Round

TALKING after Tottenham had dispatched Birmingham City from the F.A. Cup Jimmy Greaves observed that it is crucial to be drawn at home in the Sixth Round.

"If you get the luck of the draw at this stage you begin to believe that it's your year for Cup glory," said Jimmy.

If Spurs avoided Liverpool, they could go all the way, said Greaves. Spurs got that vital home draw, against Liverpool in the tie of the round.

Jimmy said that of all the survivors

SIXTH ROUND DRAW

Tottenham v Liverpool
West Ham v Aston Villa
Watford v Arsenal
Everton v Ipswich
Saturday, March 8

SET FOR A CLASSIC FINAL

Liverpool were the ones who were capable of being drawn away and still get a result.

It is a superb draw. Everything is the right way round, unlike the Fifth Round when the First Division clubs were virtually handed passports to the Quarter-Finals.

Second Division clubs Watford and West Ham will be at home, and while Liverpool have what even for them amounts to a difficult tie to negotiate, the Merseyside neutrals (if there are any) will be happy to have Everton at home against Ipswich.

Liverpool can't really complain after home ties against Grimsby and Bury, but they had an awesome hurdle to overcome in old foes Nottingham Forest.

Spurs are a force at the moment, and there's a feeling they could land the biggest prize of all.

Ambition

Ardiles is the first to tell you that his one great ambition is to play in the Cup Final.

He scored against Manchester United last season, and again in both ties this time.

When Spurs looked to be on the end of a giant-killing effort from Swindon, Ardiles somehow summoned up enough effort to drive them through. After Gerry Armstrong equalised, he won a free-kick which led to the Irishman making himself a hero with the match winner as well.

And in the Fifth Round when Birmingham City clawed their way back from a deficit again carved by Armstrong, off went Ardiles again wriggling and scything himself into the sort of position every defender dreads and inviting the challenge which won a penalty from which Glenn Hoddle swung the game back Spurs' way.

Having escaped the pit when Swindon invited them to jump into it, Spurs will see that as an omen that's written in the stars for them to go to the twin towers this year.

Arsenal came through an embarrassingly protracted tie with Sheffield



Dennis Mortimer is hoping to lead Villa to Cup success against West Ham.

Wednesday that ran to five meetings last season, and went on to win the Cup, and it's extraordinary how many clubs who had no end of bother at one obstacle subsequently went on to take the trophy.

Tottenham feel they could join that elite list though Keith Burkinshaw admits that he would rather have avoided Liverpool until the big day itself.

When the sides met at Anfield this season in the League Liverpool won 2-1 thanks to a masterly performance from Kenny Dalglish and rapier like finishing from Terry McDermott, but the Londoners were by no means outclassed, and they at least erased the memory of a horrific 7-0 calamity at Anfield 12 months earlier.

This term Spurs played the offside

Glenn Hoddle beats Birmingham 'keeper Jeff Wealds to restore a 2-1 lead for Spurs. The London club eventually won 3-1.



trap to the dismay of the Kop and the frustration and annoyance of the Liverpool front runners, and while it cost them in the end with McDermott's first goal, it was only a bad decision by a linesman which prevented them getting away with a point, and at White Hart Lane they will take some beating.

If Liverpool do get through there's every possibility of an all-Merseyside Semi-Final, if not Final.

Everton are having a very lean time in the League, so much so that Gordon Lee's future has reputedly been on the line.

Yet when they get away from it all to compete in the Cup Everton seem to forget all their worries.

Painful

They'll have to be on best behaviour to overcome the in-form Ipswich Town mind you, and it's still a painful memory fresh in the minds of all Everton's players that only a few weeks ago they were given a 4-0 spanking on their own ground by the East Anglians.

With that as a backcloth you'd think Gordon Lee was rather uneasy about a re-match but not so.

"When you've been beaten 4-0 by a team the best thing is to play them again straight afterwards.

"We just didn't play as a team in that match and I doubt if any of Bobby Robson's sides has ever won two easier points. Some of my players must have questioned their own ability afterwards and perhaps people were also asking if I could manage, but after that we came back the following week to beat Wrexham by five goals and this is going to be a very difficult match for Ipswich."

Having been drawn at home in four successive ties Everton must have a

friendly ally somewhere in the F.A. and they certainly couldn't have asked for more than Goodison Park dates against Aldershot, Wigan, Wrexham and now Ipswich.

Looking at the game from Ipswich eyes they certainly shouldn't be too unhappy about going back to a ground where they were at peak form so recently.

Eric Gates and Alan Brazil who scored the sort of goals that day that would bear showing on television any time, will be looking for repeats, and like Ardiles at Tottenham, the Ipswich double Dutchmen Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen are also considerably motivated by the thought of playing in England's premier stadium.

They are also happier to be going to Goodison than Anfield, and one suspects Ipswich may well settle for a draw and a replay at Portman Road.

We did warn you in previewing the Fifth Round that Watford were quite capable of turning Wolves over at Molineux, and so they did.

Now the Elton John/Graham Taylor partnership has fully earned a date with Arsenal that goes down as a classic Cup-tie derby.

Much as millionaire and manager will enjoy the day though, surely the man who's looking forward to Arsenal's visit most of all is Bertie Mee.

Nine years ago the likeable Bertie wrote his name into the pages of any football history book worth anything at all by taking Arsenal to the double.

He was hardly handicapped by not having played professional football at the top level, and now he is bringing his considerable knowledge and influence to bear at Vicarage Road, alongside the acumen of chief-executive Eddie Plumley.

Watford have had a somewhat disappointing re-entry to the Second Division, but perhaps everyone expected too much after two years of

—Scottish Cup Fifth Round

almost total 'ups' on the swingometer.

Recent arrivals Mick Henderson, Eric Steele, Malcolm Poskett and Wilf Rostron have added experience and muscle to the side. Eric Steele is settling nicely in goal, and one recent addition looking ahead to the Arsenal tie with colossal anticipation is Rostron the pocket-sized powerhouse who left Highbury to seek his fortune elsewhere, first at Sunderland and now Watford.

The Hornets may find The Gunners possess too much power for them, but they'll go down fighting and enjoy their day's work.

If Watford fail the Second Division could still be represented in the Semi-Finals.

When West Ham won the Cup in 1975 they had to swat aside the challenge of Second Division Fulham in the Final, now they're a Second Division side themselves, but on their own Upton Park pitch, perfectly up to the task of beating Aston Villa.

Villa are a team to be reckoned with any time, but this wasn't the tie they'd have requested.

When Brooking, Bonds, Devonshire, Cross and Co set their minds to it they're as formidable as most, and in the midst of a good League run they've strung together some very impressive performances in the Cup.

A Third Round triumph over West Brom marked them as a Cup side to be reckoned with, and since they've disposed of Orient and Swansea as well there's no reason to believe their run of success at home shouldn't continue.

Lucky

Villa have hardly been as lucky in the draws, in fact they've had to travel in seven of their last eight ties, and this season they've had to take both Cambridge and Blackburn back to Villa Park before advancing. Bristol Rovers were beaten at the first attempt at Eastville.

The two sets of claret and blues are similar in style and no one is going to give much away in this one.

Villa have a fine goalkeeper in Jimmy Rimmer, West Ham counter his presence with the massive record-signing Phil Parkes.

In defence Villa have resolute centre-backs in Allan Evans and Ken McNaught, West Ham have rapidly developing Alvin Martin.

As Dennis Mortimer drives Villa on with determination, Billy Bonds leads by passionate example for The Hammers.

Moving to midfield Villa have the exquisite skills of the stringy Gordon Cowans, West Ham possess the dynamic presence of the exuberant Alan Devonshire.

And to match the pace of Little and the power of Geddis and Shaw for Villa, the Londoners have the punch of Pearson, the heading ability of Cross and the touchline dexterity of Neighbour.

All that plus the special skills of Trevor Brooking, young Colin Gibson and so on make this a more intriguing tie than you might at first imagine.

It could be a classic, but then that's in keeping with the most perfect set of Quarter-Final matches that we could possibly have asked for.

BERTIE AULD (below), the former Celtic midfield mastermind, and Alex Ferguson, the ex-Rangers attack leader, clashed in some memorable Old Firm battles.

Now, Auld and Fergie have renewed that conflict off the field in the dug-outs. Auld in charge of Partick Thistle, Ferguson manager of Aberdeen.

On Saturday they lead their respective clubs into Cup battle at Firhill in the Scottish Cup Quarter-Final. It's not easy to pick a winner from this game.

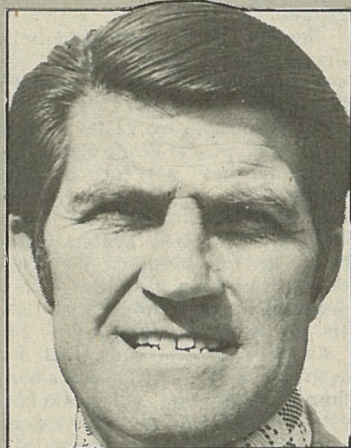
"I was accused of being too defensive when my side played at Pittodrie earlier in the season," says Auld. "That's nonsense. Partick Thistle attack."



FIFTH ROUND DRAW

Partick Thistle v Aberdeen
Celtic v Morton
Berwick Rangers v Hibs
Rangers v Hearts

Old rivals clash at Firhill



Fergie had to be content with a draw on that occasion, but he is certain his team can finish the job first time on Saturday.

"It's a difficult fixture," says the Pittodrie manager. "It's never easy to win in Glasgow."

The Dons certainly underlined their intentions in the last round when they played Airdrie at Pittodrie. With Stevie Archibald in magnificent form they swept to a 4-0 half-time lead — with Archibald getting all four — and added another four in the second-half. That means they have scored 14 goals in three Cup games this season.

In the earlier round they drew 1-1 with Arbroath at Gayfield before walloping them 5-0 at Pittodrie. Archibald scored in both of those games, too.

At the end it could still be all-square with The Dons having the opportunity to settle the tie at Pittodrie.

There will be another fierce tussle at Ibrox where Rangers take on First Division Hearts.

This will be Bobby Moncur's first-ever Scottish Cup match and the new Hearts boss might have expected an easier baptism. He has been thrown in at the deep end.

The Tynecastle men struggled to beat lowly Stirling Albion 2-0 in

the previous round with Moncur watching the action from the stand. Rangers, on the other hand, disposed of League Cup holders Dundee United at Ibrox with a goal from Derek Johnstone in a match that developed into a tactical battle between John Greig and Jim McLean and never really got off the ground in terms of entertainment.

However, Rangers realise that the Cup is their best chance to give their fans something to cheer about this season and it is doubtful if Hearts will stand in the way of their progress. Rangers, in fact, could win this one by three or four clear goals.

Hibs, still trying to sort out the problems caused them by the controversial George Best, travel to Sheffield Road to take on Berwick Rangers and they must realise that they are on extremely thin ice.

Former Rangers midfielder Davie Smith has guided Berwick safely into this stage and he says: "We

have nothing to fear against Hibs."

Berwick killed the romance of the Cup in the previous round when they beat little Highland League outfit Keith 2-1 and they are confident of a similar scoreline against Hibs who struggled all the way to beat First Division Ayr 2-0 in Edinburgh in their tie.

Like the tie at Firhill, this tie could be physical. Berwick could surprise everyone. The Easter Road men have hardly been the doyens of consistency this season. They are there to be taken.

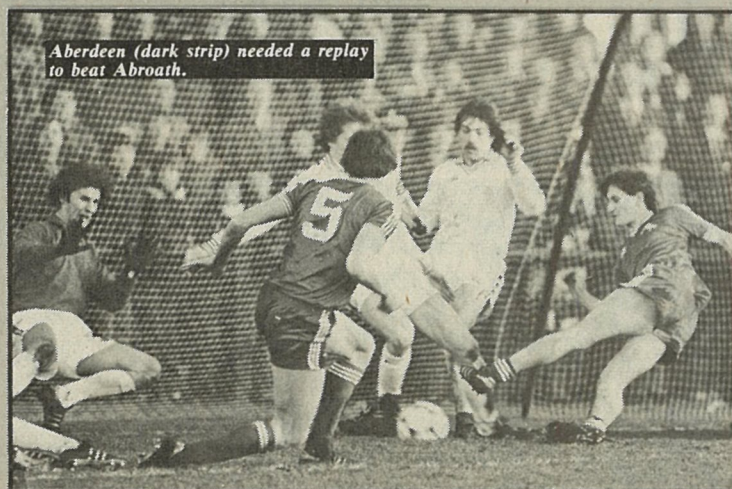
Celtic, the Cup favourites, were only three minutes away from hurtling out of the tournament when they were 1-0 down to St. Mirren at Parkhead. However, a

piece of magic from Davie Provan gave Murdo MacLeod the opportunity to nod in the equaliser and the Scottish Champions completed the job in the replay.

Billy McNeill's side is likely to get it just as hard against Morton, but everyone is hoping there is no action replay of the Cappielow team's last visit to Parkhead. On that occasion they lost 3-1 in the League, had left-back Jimmy Holmes ordered off and were involved in controversial scenes with the referee and a linesman in an unruly second-half.

Despite Celtic's not-too-confident performance against St. Mirren we'll take them to have learned their lesson and win this one at the first time of asking.

However — as though they need reminding — there is a certain Andy Ritchie who would like to demolish the dreams of his former club with one of his extra-special free-kicks. Celtic and Peter Latchford, you have been warned!



Aberdeen (dark strip) needed a replay to beat Arbroath.

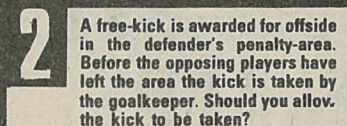


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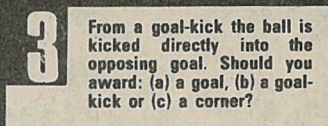
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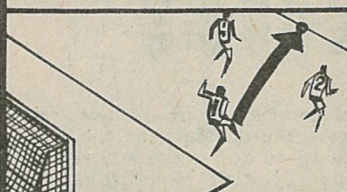
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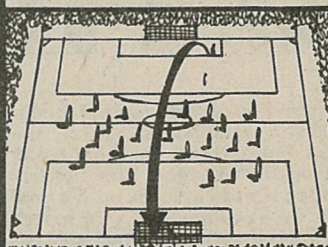
A free-kick is awarded for offside in the defender's penalty-area. Before the opposing players have left the area the kick is taken by the goalkeeper. Should you allow the kick to be taken?



From a goal-kick the ball is kicked directly into the opposing goal. Should you award: (a) a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) a corner?



A player falls over a photographer's equipment and is injured. Can you order the photographer and equipment to be removed when it is outside the field of play?



Jumping in his own penalty-area, a defender pushes a team-mate in order to gain possession. Should you award: (a) a penalty, (b) drop ball or (c) continue play?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. A goal-kick (b). 4. Yes. When I was refereeing in the World Cup in Germany and Argentina no photographer was allowed past the lines drawn up behind the goal-line. There are now strict rules all over the world about photographers. 5. Continue play (c).

'I ENJOY PLAYING AT WHITE HART LANE'

DISAPPOINTMENT and delight was our mixed reaction to the draw for the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup, as we at Liverpool crouched around the radio in the changing room at Melwood, our training ground.

The bad news, that we'd been drawn away from home, was counterbalanced by the good news that our opponents are Spurs, among the teams we least wanted to avoid, who play at White Hart Lane, where we have a record of good results.

In the Fifth Round, both Spurs and Liverpool had beaten teams from lower Divisions on their respective home grounds — they Second Division Birmingham by 3-1, and we Third Division Bury by 2-0.

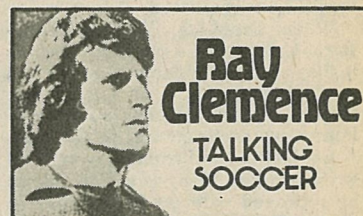
As I had forecast, Bury treated it as their Cup Final and gave us a hard time by attempting to emulate Forest, who had held us to a 1-1 draw four days previously to rob us of a place in the League Cup Final, with a blanket defence and playing two men at most up front.

Bury put up a magnificent fight. We, perhaps suffering from a hang-over caused by the Forest k.o., played well below par. In fact, they created more goal-chances in the first-half than we did — two to one!

At the end of that goal-less period, our manager Bob Paisley decided to substitute Dave Johnson, suffering from torn muscles in his neck, with Davey Fairclough, who once again saved the day for us with two superbly-taken goals.

This brought Davey's tally to six goals in only two and a half hours of football: a hat-trick against Norwich City in the League, followed by our equaliser against Forest when he came on as sub, and the brace against Bury.

With our policy of playing only two strikers, Davey poses Bob Paisley with a continual problem, the sort I dread facing when I eventually become a manager. Whether to include him in place of Dave Johnson, our top scorer with over 20 goals, and the most improved player at Anfield this season, or use him as a reserve.



If Dave's injury persists, the way will be wide open for his namesake to establish himself in the side, which will be a cruel blow. But, one man's ill luck is often someone else's good fortune.

'We must beware of mistimed tackles against Ardiles'





I suspect there'll be a lot of Press speculation during the run-up to the Quarter-Final with Spurs as to which of the two Bob will name in the Liverpool team.

As I've often remarked, luck plays a big part in Cup competitions, and it seems that Spurs had a slice of it in disposing of Birmingham.

The edited highlights on T.V. can be misleading, but I got the impression on my small screen that Blues had as much of the game as The Lilywhites. I agreed with manager Jim Smith's assessment



that they "were more likely to score until Ardiles was given the penalty."

The little Argentinian's stumble following a tackle in the penalty-area by young Kevan Broadhurst was a real borderline case, one where the referee usually gives the defending side the benefit of the doubt.

I won't be betraying a trade secret when I admit Osvaldo Ardiles is regarded as the main danger man with his amazing talents, particularly the lightning acceleration which can result in a mistimed tackle that gives away a free-kick or penalty.

But the man I'll be particularly watching out for is Glenn Hoddle, having an outstanding season, simply because he's making a speciality of scoring spectacular goals on T.V., and the cameras are certain to be at this tie.

Although he's good at the hard-hit volley from outside the box, the most dangerous strike in his armoury is his deadly accurate chip over a 'keeper's head into the net. Remember that incredible side-footed long-range goal he scored on his England debut against the Bulgarians at Wembley?

One of the most notable features about Spurs this season is their ability to lift their heads and come back fighting after going a goal down, whereas previously they tended to lose heart.

The men responsible for instilling this never say die spirit are manager Keith Burkinshaw and Terry Yorath, the tireless gritty Welshman who acts as a ball-winning anchor man.

Superbly

In the League at Anfield this season, Spurs recovered superbly after going a goal down, they equalised and forced us to defend doggedly to hang on to the two points.

Spurs' problem position is that of goalkeeper, switching between Milija Aleksic, Mark Kendall and Barry Daines. This is unsettling for their defence, continually adjusting to 'keepers different strengths and weaknesses.

Liverpool are fortunate in that I tend to keep my form and avoid bad injuries. The main reason for this is because I play behind the best defence in the League.

White Hart Lane is my favourite London ground, with a tremendous atmosphere reminiscent of Anfield. We invariably do well there.

There'll be no question of playing for a draw to gain a replay at our place, a fatal policy in a Cup competition when an 89th minute goal can wreck all your hopes.

This season the Quarter-Finals have thrown up some other fascinating pairings. Both Second Division sides, West Ham and Watford, have avoided each other, and been drawn at home against First Division opposition.

The Hammers surprised me by knocking out Swansea, who I expected to draw at Upton Park and take Trevor Brooking and company to Vetch Field for a difficult replay.

'Spurs came back strongly in our 2-1 home win'



Speaking to Ian Callaghan after the game, he said that Swansea were the better side but failed to capitalise on it by getting the goals.

Having such a poor record as a tipster, I'm sure The Hammers will be delighted to learn that I expect Aston Villa to beat them, probably after a replay at Villa Park.

Being drawn against Cup-holders Arsenal must revive memories for Watford of their giant-killing act in the same Round in 1970, when they knocked out Liverpool. They won 1-0, the goal coming from their then hero Barry Endean.

It was after that shock defeat that our manager of the time, Bill Shankly, tore out the centre of our team, from front to back, and I replaced Tommy Lawrence.

Although Watford are back to their strongest, with Ross Jenkins returned from injury and Luther Blissett running into form, and with a morale-boosting Fifth Round win over Wolves behind them, I'm convinced Arsenal will prove too strong for them.

Our Merseyside neighbours, Everton, not surprisingly dismissed Wrexham, but raised a lot of eye-

brows, including mine, by scoring five goals in the process.

Now they face Ipswich at Goodison Park, where the Suffolk Blues inflicted a stunning 4-0 defeat on them in the League a few weeks ago.

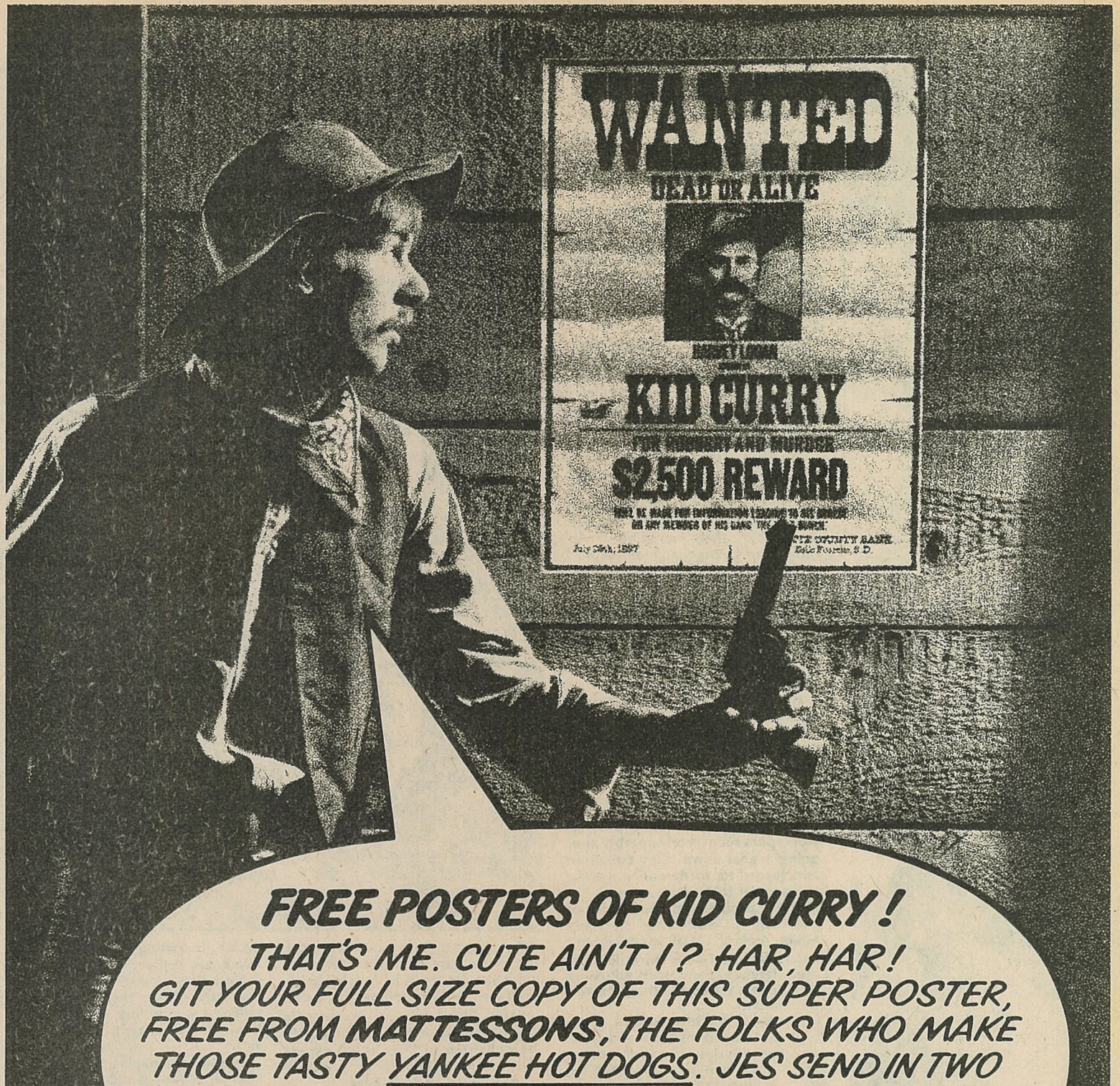
Everton manager Gordon Lee, after the draw, is reported to have said he welcomed the chance of revenge; although this may not have been the reaction of his players.

I can't see history repeating itself and Ipswich winning again by a big margin. A draw is on the cards, with Ipswich taking Everton to Portman Road, where they'll stand little chance.

All along I've fancied Ipswich as fellow Finalists on that great day at Wembley in May, and I was gratified to read that Watford manager Graham Taylor feels the same way.

I only hope his reputation as a forecaster is better than mine!

Ray Clemence



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WHY RON ATKINSON CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT SEASON

THE loss of Len Cantello to Bolton may have hit West Bromwich Albion harder than the departure of Laurie Cunningham to Real Madrid. That's the intriguing view of manager Ron Atkinson, as the West Brom boss surveys his club's disappointing season.

Atkinson is a big man in every way. He accepts that Albion have been one of the First Division's mysteries, after their exciting exploits last season. Yet he refuses to make the usual excuses. "We just haven't played well at all," concedes the former Cambridge boss.

"But Albion's future will be one of success. I'm confident of that." And he defies anyone to suggest otherwise.

"We knew we'd miss Laurie but I couldn't do anything about it," says Atkinson. "He was offered so much money by Madrid no club in this country could have afforded him. However, with the cash from the deal I was able to buy Gary Owen and Peter Barnes from Manchester City. Two players who will benefit Albion in the long run."

"Cantello, on the other hand, has been sorely missed. We have struggled on the right side of midfield without him. Again, I was unable to hold on to him. He was unhappy in the Midlands and wanted to return to the North and I couldn't force him to stay. Len was a good ball winner and I haven't been able to find a suitable replacement."

Successful

But one youngster who has broken through could provide Atkinson with a ready-made replacement. Remi Moses, a coloured youngster who came up through the Albion junior sides and played in the successful Albion Youth team in recent seasons, made his League debut against Crystal Palace and played well.

"The lad impressed and deserved an extended run," said Atkinson. "If he proves to me he is worth a regular place he could save me a lot of money."

Atkinson accepts the Albion fans have suffered this season. Defeat in the First Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup by Carl Zeiss Jena, the East German club who won 4-1 on aggregate; an F.A. Cup Third Round defeat by West Ham after a replay; disappointments in the League as well as failure in the League Cup.

"It's understandable the fans have been a little down. We had high hopes for 1979-80, but it turned sour for us. Phil Parkes played a blinder for West Ham to earn a draw at our place and Kevin Keelan did the same for Norwich in the League Cup! We lost both replays away but I've never seen such goalkeeping displays."

"Luck hasn't been with us. Derek Statham limped off after 25

minutes with cartilage trouble against Crystal Palace. He'd only been back a few weeks after a long lay-off. Cyrille Regis didn't play until Christmas and Bryan Robson was also out for a long time. The absence of those players didn't help but there were other reasons."

"In 1978-79, our central defenders were superb and only Liverpool had a better defensive record in the First Division. But this time Alistair Robertson and John Wile haven't played as well."

"They've conceded silly goals at vital times and it's cost us dearly. Last season, we won a reputation for good attacking play but we built that upon a foundation of being solid at the back. A lack of concentration has been responsible for our defensive problems."

But forget the gloomy predictions, says Atkinson. The future holds great promise at The Hawthorns. "If you go through our side, the goalkeeper, left-back, the midfield players and the front players are under 23. That's eight of the side and shows what

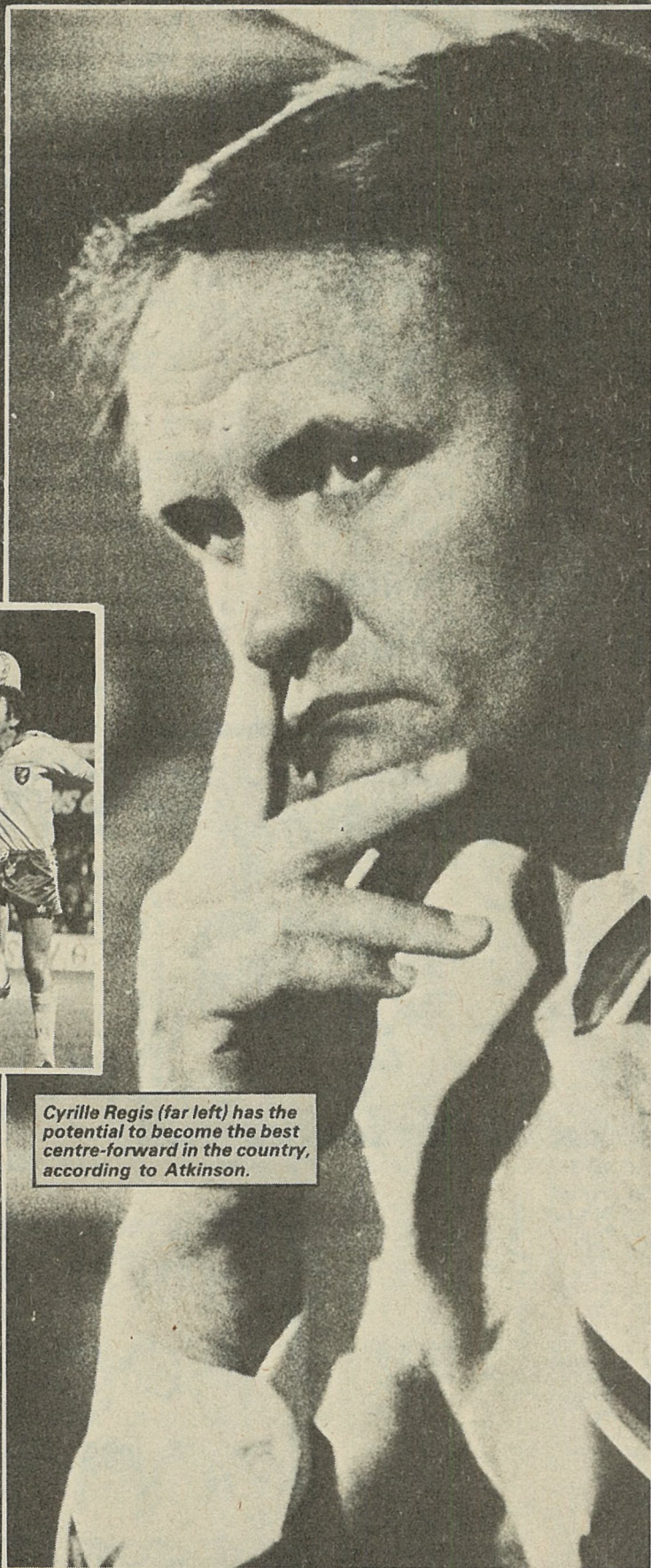


potential there is. We've got something to look forward to, I don't care what we've done or not done this season."

"We have to finish as high up the table as possible and start afresh next season. All the senior players have now signed contracts for at least the next three years and most of them can improve to become very good players. I believe Cyrille Regis has the potential to be the most exciting centre-forward in the country."

Atkinson believes that this season's problems might yet work to Albion's advantage. "All the players are puzzled as to why we haven't done better. Perhaps it will be a good experience for us because it might strengthen our resolve to do better in the future."

"This is the first bad season I've ever had as a manager and it has made me doubly determined to do well in future."



Cyrille Regis (far left) has the potential to become the best centre-forward in the country, according to Atkinson.

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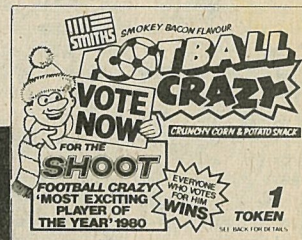
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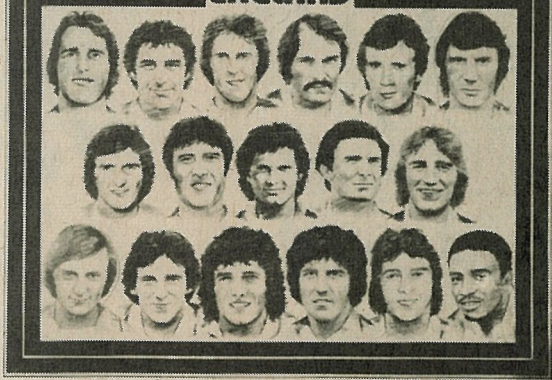
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IT'S not much of a secret what will be the biggest date on the calendar in the McGrain household this year. Monday, August 4 is already heavily penned in as a night to remember.

I am absolutely delighted that various friends have decided to form a committee and arrange a testimonial match for me.

The final details have still to be officially announced, but I can tell SHOOT readers that it looks very much as if the opposition will be Manchester United who have something of a score to settle in testimonial matches against Celtic.

When they came to Glasgow to honour Jimmy Johnstone and Bobby Lennox a couple of years back they were whipped 4-0 in an emotional, unforgettable night when wee Jinky and Lennox hit the form which has ensured they will never be forgotten when the Celtic story is finally told.

What a night that was. John-

stone was absolutely shattered, but he just kept on shouting for the ball and going on amazing dazzling runs which made him one of the best players I have ever seen.

And how the fans loved him when at the end of the night he went on a lap of honour and then finished by running over to the "jungle", Parkhead's Kop, and threw his boots into the crowd.

The tears were on many faces that night and if my big game can

'MY BIG NIGHT OF THE YEAR'

Tartan Talk
DANNY MCGRAIN



against Liverpool — the Johnstone-Lennox affair and John Greig for Rangers against Scotland.

And Aberdeen's Joe Harper has one coming up at the end of this season when The Dons will take on a select team, in which I will play.

Meanwhile, with a possible place in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup coming up, it was brought home to all at Celtic just what a task we have in beating Real Madrid as early as the beginning of February.

Manager Billy McNeill took advantage of a snowed-out Saturday to travel to Madrid and watch Real take on Rayo Vallecano from across the city... and crush them 7-0. But it didn't really scare the boss, because the opposition were far from impressive.

What did impress me though was the size of the crowd and the gate receipts.

Over 85,000 paid around £500,000 to watch the local derby in the capital, but it was far from a top of the table affair.

In anyone's book that is fanat-icism, so you can well imagine what lies in store for us in the second-leg of the European Cup Quarter-Final in that fabulous Bernabeu Stadium.

The atmosphere should make that Johnstone-Lennox testimonial seem like a quiet night watching the telly!

See you in two weeks

Scotsmen Joe Jordan (right) and Lou Macari should be on show for Manchester United in Danny McGrain's testimonial.



be half as successful I will be a happy man.

I am over the moon that the opposition is Manchester United for only Liverpool could match them as a draw in Scotland. Both clubs have always had more than a sprinkling of Scots in their ranks and perhaps that is why they command a special place in the hearts of most supporters North of the border.

It will be a good pre-season work-out for both United and Celtic and that is one reason why I don't want any guest players. I know for example that I need only have made one telephone call and the best player in Britain would have been there.

Tactics

But that would not be fair to Liverpool who need Kenny Dalglish for their own pre-season build-up and neither would it have been to my own manager Billy McNeill who can use the match to work out tactics for the new season.

And had Kenny donned the green and white jersey once again I don't suppose Manchester United would have been over impressed with the arrangement!

Seriously, it is important that this does not become a bounce game, but rather a serious, competitive match between two of the U.K.'s top clubs.

Testimonial matches are a big thing in Scotland, bigger than in the South because quite simply they don't happen as frequently. Indeed it could be argued that they happen too often in England to be anything of a novelty.

Memorable ones recently in Scotland have included Jock Stein's and Billy McNeill's — both

Danny McGrain

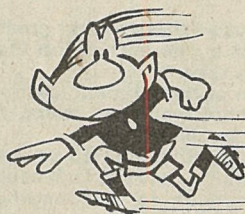
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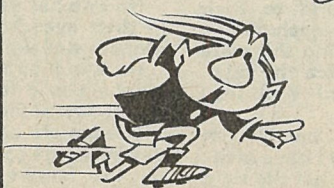
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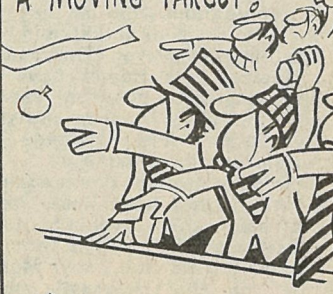
HE'S NEVER STOPPED RUNNING



WELL, IT'S NO GOOD STANDING STILL WHEN YOU'RE FIVE DOWN



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Bobby Moncur (right) makes a point to Hearts chairman Bobby Parker during his new club's Cup-tie with Stirling.

Moncur will put new life in ailing Hearts

WHEN the gates of Tynecastle opened to Bobby Moncur on his first day as manager of trouble-torn Hearts he would have been forgiven for feeling like a Christian preparing to be thrown to the lions.

Moncur quit English Third Division Carlisle to take over the Tynecastle outfit and he readily admits that he left a better team behind!

Fans of the once-proud and once-feared Hearts will not be too delighted at failing in a comparison with a Third Division side, but they must realise that Moncur has moved into the hottest hot-seat North of the border with a thoroughly realistic attitude.

He has signed a four-year contract worth more than £60,000 and he says: "If I have not brought success to Hearts by the time my contract has expired, I'm not naive enough to think I'll still be here. It's a fact of life."

Moncur slipped quietly into Tynecastle 48 hours before he was due to take over the club to watch them in action against Stirling Albion in a Scottish Cup-tie. His new side won 2-0, but Moncur must have realised immediately that he had taken on a mammoth task. His team was far from convincing on that day.

"I am not a miracle man," he says. "It will take two or three years to put things right here. However, I won't be making snap decisions. Everyone on the staff will get an opportunity to show me what he can do."

"Hearts have no money to spend on new players and it's a regrettable fact that we, like many other Scottish clubs, will have to part with some good players if we want to buy others."

"But I don't believe Hearts are as bad as a lot of people think. After all, they are on the top of the First Division and should be playing in the Premier next season. That can't be bad."

However, as Hearts have found to their embarrassment in recent years, reaching the so-competitive Top Ten and staying there are two entirely different things. Twice the Edinburgh men have come up... and twice they have gone straight down again.

"Although I have never been involved at professional club level in Scotland I have many contacts and I'll be using them to get the right players for the club," says Moncur, the former rock of the Newcastle and Sunderland

defences.

He picked up 16 caps and even captained Scotland on several occasions, but Moncur is still an unknown quantity to Scottish fans. They realise he stabilised Carlisle at a time when they were well into a nosedive and that same sort of no-nonsense approach is needed urgently by an ailing Hearts team desperately struggling against mediocrity.

"I want young boys in Edinburgh to be desperate to play for Hearts," says 36-year-old Moncur. "I want them to be interested in the club at grass roots level. They represent our future."

"I want people in the city to be talking about the club again and getting behind it. The barometer of success is how many people click through the turnstiles on match day. I want the gates to soar at Tynecastle, but I know the team must play well before we are entitled to this."

Moncur deserves time to put his ideas into action. As he says, he is no miracle man and the rot has well and truly set in at Tynecastle.

Support

It's a shame, really, because outside the Old Firm of Celtic and Rangers, Hearts have potentially the third biggest support in Scotland. However, those fans are staying away in their thousands at the moment and nothing is going to entice them back until they get a team that is not only in the Premier Division, but also challenging for the title.

That is the sort of success they have been brought up on. They still talk about players such as Gordon Smith, Dave Mackay and Alex Young as though they are still playing for the club!

No one has yet replaced these former greats in their eyes and that is the sort of job that Moncur has agreed to take.

He is still settling in at the moment, getting involved in a lot of hard work and trying to breathe new life into his side.

The fanfare of trumpets that greeted his first day in charge could herald a new era. Or it could be the farewell symphony for yet another Christian ready to be eaten alive by an unsympathetic lion.

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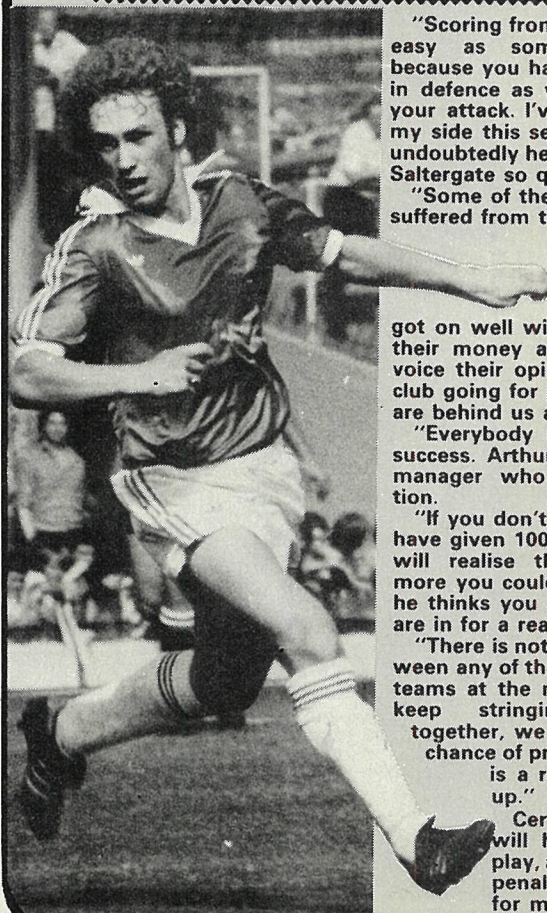
Arrange these teams in the frames so that, in frame A, their initials spell out the name of a First Division goalkeeper, and then place the remaining teams in frame B, so that their initials spell out the name of a First Division goal-grabber. As a guide, you are given the first word.

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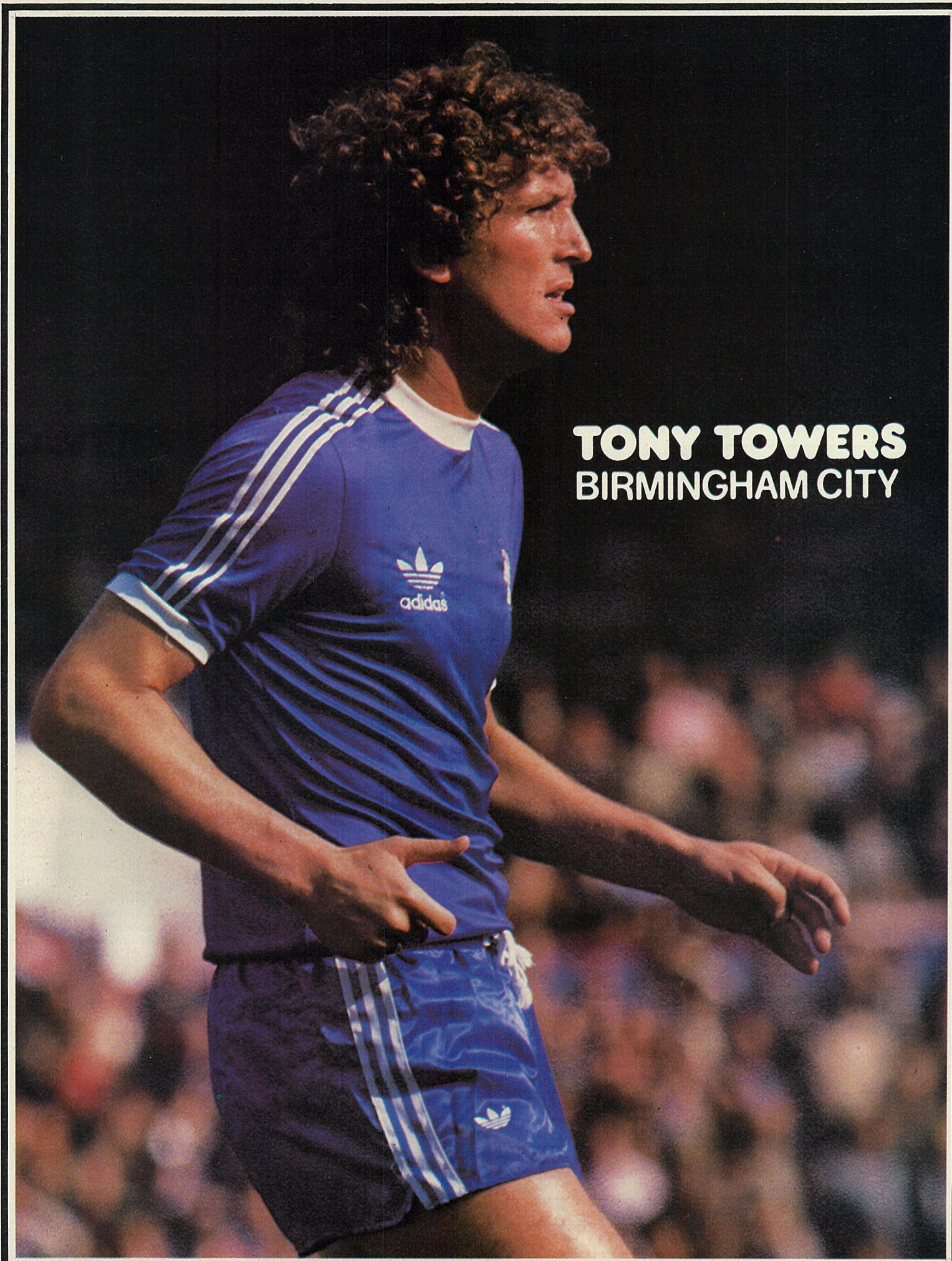
TEAM EASE

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3	His token one-day strike was not effective.
4	The team will go under by selling best men.
5	He must win the match else another crisis occurs.
6	He even had Chris Evert on his playing staff.
7	There's a glut of good forwards on the market.
8	He should stop rest on the eve of matches.
9	Job's on the card if form is found again.
10	He's the one they'll throw at for daft work.
11	For hard matches, terraces are always guarded.
12	If the visitors win, don't blame the manager.

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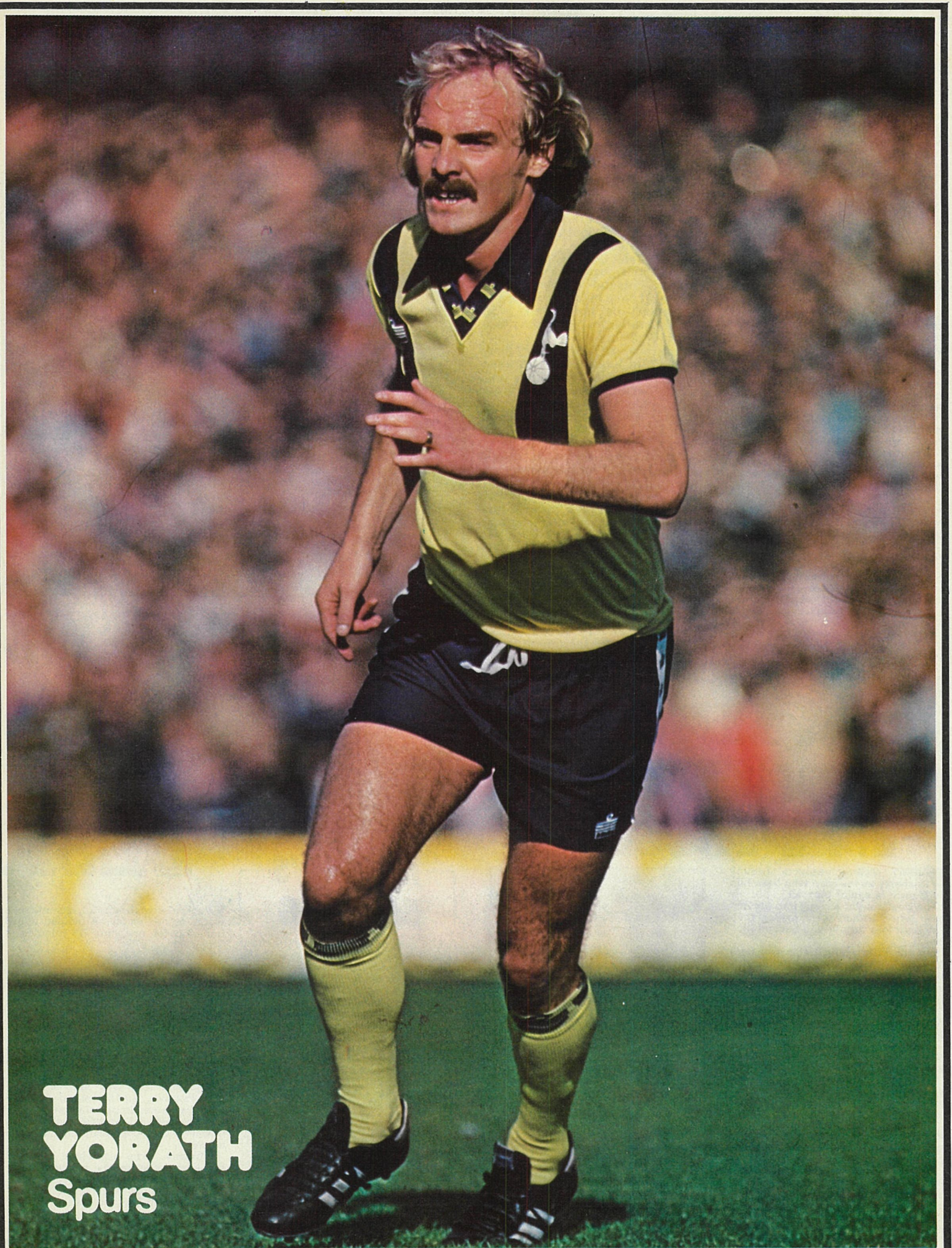


Certainly Alan Birch will have a big part to play, and the Chesterfield penalty-king is looking for more goals.



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SHOOT!

I reported that Paul Bradshaw, the former Sheffield Wednesday winger, will be running Pro-Soccer Coaching Clinics in South Yorkshire this summer.

Since the report Paul has received applications from Eastbourne, London, Manchester, Hull, Spalding (Lincs), and Sheffield. Brian Flynn and Eddie Gray of Leeds, Tony Currie (Q.P.R.) and many other well-known players have all agreed to help Paul which should ensure an even heavier mail to Pro-Soccer Coaching, 14 Chestnut Drive, Sheffield.

TIPS for TOPS

CHELSEA and **Leicester City** for promotion to the First Division at the end of the season.

That's the opinion of soccer fans in the North-East as the Second Division promotion race winds into a thrilling climax.

A recent poll in the North East revealed that the region's football followers reckoned Chelsea would finish as Second Division Champions with Leicester in third place.

They put one of their own contenders, Newcastle, in second place, narrowly behind the London club.

But they couldn't find a promotion spot for Sunderland, who the fans say will finish sixth, behind Luton (4th) and West Ham (5th).

MALCOLM Lord, 33-year-old Hull City midfielder player, has been forced to quit football because of an achilles tendon injury.

ST Mirren's impressive 20-year-old centre-half Mark Fulton keeps fit for football — simply by going to work every day! For Mark works in his father's blacksmith's business. Says Mark: "It is certainly a great job for keeping fit . . . weight-training is the last thing on your mind after a day over the anvil."

DOC SENT OFF BUCHAN —IN PRACTICE

SAMMY McIlroy respects Tommy Docherty as the man who gave him his chance in senior football.

The Doc brought McIlroy into the first team when United were feeling their way back into form in the Second Division.

But the Irish midfielder star saw both sides of Docherty's unpredictable character during his stay at Old Trafford.

Says McIlroy: "Tommy was always full of cracks, a very jubilant type. When things weren't going well, he tried to crack the whip."

"For all his good humour, he was the sort of person who you felt wouldn't take any nonsense from anyone."

"I remember once in training when he was trying a new tactical move for getting the ball out of defence and kept stopping and starting the play."

"It was getting a bit frustrating and Martin Buchan complained about it, so The Doc sent him off — in a practise match!"

"I had some of my best times under him. We were never a tactical team, we didn't talk about one player doing this and another playing doing that. We just went out and played and we took a lot of people by surprise."

"We are a lot more professional now. But under Tommy Docherty, we had lots of fun."

TUEART RETURNS —with a warning!

DENNIS Tueart has stepped back into Manchester City's first team after his £150,000 transfer from New York Cosmos with "no nonsense" instructions from Malcolm Allison.

City's Chief Coach admits he had reservations before signing the former England winger. He explains: "I have made it clear to him there will be no barrack room lawyer stuff from him in the dressing room."

Typically, an optimistic Allison adds: "But having earlier reservations I've gone thoroughly into what makes him tick and examined the psychology of Dennis Tueart as much as I can, and I feel he is dedicated and wants to do well."

Allison reveals that he sought advice from a "Mr X" before signing Tueart.

"I went deeply into Tueart's background and then made a final decision based on what one man outside the club said. If Mr X had not said 'yes' I would not have signed him."

THE Republic of Ireland seem to be benefiting most from the rule that allows players to declare for the homeland of their parents. The Republic squad for the recent game with England contained no fewer than seven players who were born in England. — **Gerry Peyton, Ron Healey, Chris Hughton, David O'Leary, Mark Lawrenson, Jerry Murphy** and **Tony Grealish**.



£1½ Million Penn

DON Penn wanted to play for his local club, West Bromwich Albion, when he was a schoolboy but did not think he was good enough.

Now, Liverpool are interested in this fleet footed player who is currently the leading marksman in the Fourth Division.

Unlike Kevin Keegan who they plucked from obscurity they might find themselves having to pay in the region of £500,000 to acquire Penn's services at the end of the season. Walsall manager, Alan Buckley, said: "Liverpool have been watching Don almost every game for the past couple of months."

NEWS

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MILLER'S SMILING

THERE hasn't been much to smile about at Mansfield this season but, with the return to the side of winger Johnny Miller — formerly with Ipswich and Norwich — the club feels that its fortunes will soon change.

Manager Mick Jones says: "It'll take Johnny half-a-dozen outings in the first team before he gets right. He has been out of football for nearly a year — a blood disorder took him down to seven stone — and just now his mind wants to do things but his body isn't capable yet. When he is physically fit he will become a great asset again."

PETER Carr and John Gorman were once rated one of the best pair of club full-backs in the country. They were with Carlisle when they won promotion to the First Division in 1974.

Gorman later moved to Spurs, but then had to retire from League football following a troublesome leg injury, but 28-year-old Carr is still playing well, having joined Hartlepool. Carr has also seen service with Darlington, New England Teammen and Motherwell.

Mikael Palmqvist, aged 20, recently set a world record when he headed a ball non-stop for one hour 49 minutes in Stockholm.

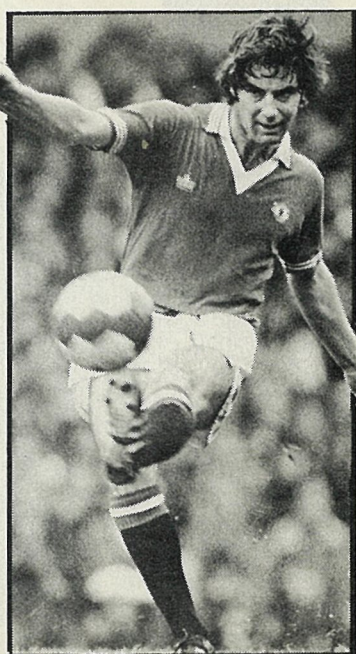
Olde hooligane

EXTRACT from *Middlesex Sessions Records, January 1615* — "Whereas greates disorders and tumults doe arise in the streetes by the playing at the footballe, the constables are to repress and restrayne all manner of footballe playe."

CHELSEA'S loss was Arsenal's gain. Mike Pittaway, an 18-year-old defender who has been impressing at reserve and South-East Counties level for The Gunners, was previously on Chelsea's books.

Pittaway, who captained England schoolboy at Wembley, has got on the first rung of achieving what his schoolboy hero, Bobby Moore, did — captained the full England team.

DERBY goalkeeper John Middleton is out for the rest of the season with a damaged shoulder.



JIM SMITH is guiding Birmingham City towards the First Division with an experienced set of players at St. Andrews.

But he is not forgetting the future and he is tipping three of his youngsters, Dave Linney, Pat van den Hauwe and Trevor Dark, to make a big impression in the months to come.

He said: "Linney is a great little winger and he is coming on by leaps and bounds and he is going to get into the first team sooner or later. I also know that when he plays he will not let anyone down."

Fans prefer Thistle

FIVE soccer-mad fans from Liverpool must be unique when it comes to supporting a team.

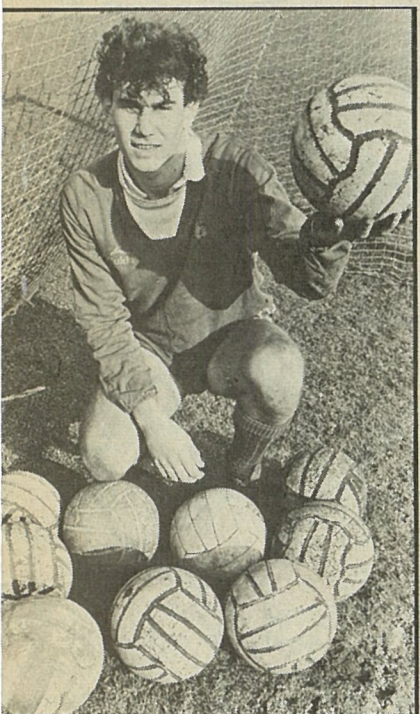
Instead of travelling the country watching their home-based sides Liverpool or Everton, the five prefer cheering for Scottish Second Division club Meadowbank Thistle.

Philip Altry, chairman of the Liverpool branch of the Thistle Supporters Club, Dave Lloyd, Philip Dunlop, Mark Sullivan and Billy Atherton, travel the 500 mile round trip for all home games.

Most of us work for British Rail, so we get concessionary fares. We reckon on paying around £300 a season in train fares to see Meadowbank and Billy pays even more because he travels full fare," said Philip.

FACTastic

WITH the exception of Wigan Athletic, all 11 clubs elected to the Football League since the War have won promotion at least once. They are Colchester, Gillingham, Scunthorpe, Shrewsbury, Workington, Peterborough, Oxford, Cambridge, Hereford, and Wimbledon.



TEN PEN

TEN out of ten for Sheffield Wednesday's penalty expert Mark Smith. The young Wednesday defender converted his first penalties this season, and is aiming to beat the record set by Francis Lee of 15 penalty-kicks in a season.

Mark has already played this season for an England XI in a testimonial match at Reading for Steve Death, and Mark's manager Jack Charlton reckons he will play for a full England side one day.

ELUSIVE SAINT

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's club captain Jimmy Mullen lost his gold St. Christopher medallion in a practice match. He had worn the charm in every game since his apprentice days.

Three years later he moved up for a corner in a League game when something bright caught his attention. Jimmy glanced down — and found his St. Christopher.

● Jimmy is celebrating his testimonial this season.



BRIEFLY...

Promotion chasing Chester have offered Alan Oakes a five year contract to keep their player-manager at Sealand Road.

Blackpool's new signing Paul Fletcher is hungry for First Division football.

"My number one priority is to get back to the top," says the striker, signed from Burnley for £30,000.

Bill Shankly's advice for Manchester United's goalkeeper Gary Bailey when they met recently? "Be positive and you will go from strength to strength. A goalkeeper needs to be hard faced because when he makes a mistake it counts."

Veterans Roy Greaves and Willie Morgan are to be released by struggling Bolton Wanderers. Caretaker boss Stan Anderson is to promote young players.

The first-ever Shamrock Rovers handbook is available from Shamrock Rovers F.C., Milltown, Dublin 6. Price 50p.

Drogheda United have signed Ron Abbott from Queens Park Rangers.

Pat Dunne, who recently resigned as manager of Thurles Town is the new boss of struggling Shelbourne.

Gola Sports Ltd. have agreed to sponsor Sheffield United for the forthcoming season. The first team are to wear Gola football boots.

Tranmere Rovers are in danger of getting a reputation as the 'hard men' of the Football League. When defender Ray Mathias was sent-off against Hartlepool he became the fourth Rovers player to be dismissed this season. The others were Steve Peplow, Tommy O'Neill and Steve Mungall.

WHO'S BEEN USING MY 'PHONE?

TWO amusing stories from my football writing colleagues. The first happened at Charlton. Chairman Mike Gliksten was away in the United States on business and rang The Valley after a game for the result.

The call came through to the Press room and a reporter took the call. It was a bad line and the Charlton chairman said: "It's Mike Gliksten here." The reporter thought he said 'Is Mike Gliksten there?' and the journalist replied: "No, he's skipped the country." Red faces all round!

The other occurred at Wembley when England beat the Republic of Ireland. A reporter was doing a report over the telephone for German television. The T.V. station hadn't arranged a phone, so the reporter borrowed one not in use.

He had just started his report of the game when an Irish journalist arrived, grabbed the 'phone and said: 'Hey, that's mine' and put the phone down!

THE long awaited testimonial match for John Cunningham who was associated with Hearts as a player and trainer for 27 years, will take the form of an Edinburgh Select side against a North-East XI, comprising players from Aberdeen, Dundee and Dundee United.

The Edinburgh side will be drawn from Hearts, Hibs and Meadowbank Thistle players and the game will be held at Tynecastle Park on a Sunday in May. Some English clubs may also be asked to lend a player to bolster the Edinburgh side.

IPSWICH fans have chosen their "Team of the Seventies": Cooper; Burley, Hunter, Beattie, Mills; Thijssen, Talbot, Muhren; Mariner, Whymark and Woods. Sub: Hamilton.

Others close to winning a place included Colin Viljoen and David Johnson.

CHEERS BRIAN

IT'S tough refereeing a Celtic-Rangers game — enough to make even the best official consider turning to drink.

But Brian McGinlay (below), one of Scotland's top referees, wishes it to be known that the beer can in his right hand is not an essential part of his refereeing equipment.

The photograph is nothing more sinister than a shot of him removing the can from the pitch during a Celtic-Rangers game this season.



New Lives for Old Stars

DEREK DOOLEY



DEREK Dooley had a brief playing career but his phenomenal goalscoring impact and now his astuteness as a commercial-manager sets him alongside the great contributors to the game.

In all grades of football for Wednesday he scored 180 goals in 168 matches. In the first team he scored 62 goals in 60 League matches — including five in the second-half of one match — before breaking his right leg at Preston on St Valentine's Day, 1953.

Tragic

It was a simple break but gangrene set in through a small scratch and the leg had to be amputated. It was one of the most tragic shocks in football and 55,000 turned up to salute him at his evening benefit match.

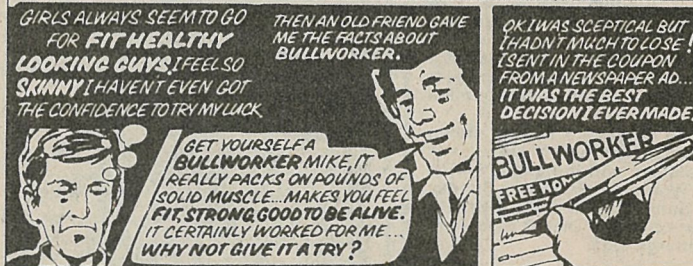
He worked for some years in a bakery, using his spare time to scout and coach for Wednesday. Eventually he became manager of the club but fate smacked him another blow — he was dismissed on Christmas Eve, 1973.

He never shirked anything on the football field and so, for a third time, he made a bid to keep involved in football by accepting the job of commercial-manager offered by his old rivals Sheffield United.

John Hassall, United's chairman, is full of praise for Dooley: "He is a first class member of the staff and we admire his achievements here with a small staff. We are one of the few clubs in the country, certainly in the lower Divisions, to get full sponsorship on our shirts and the money Derek brings into the club through advertising and money-raising activities is invaluable. How we would fare without him I don't know."

With a broad smile Dooley said: "You can say that I'm very happy here and feel a great attachment to the club."

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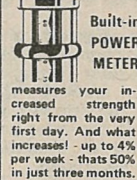


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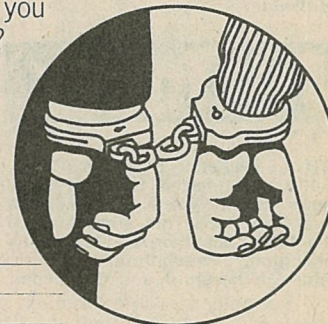
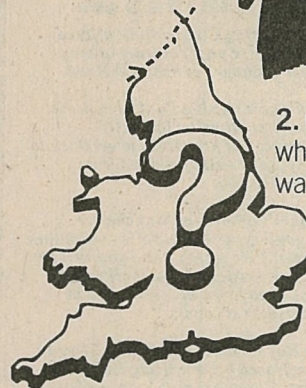
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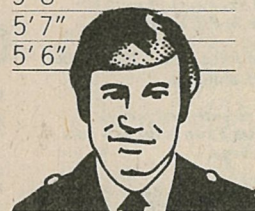
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3. When does a Police Officer have the right to take people to a police station even if they are not willing to go?

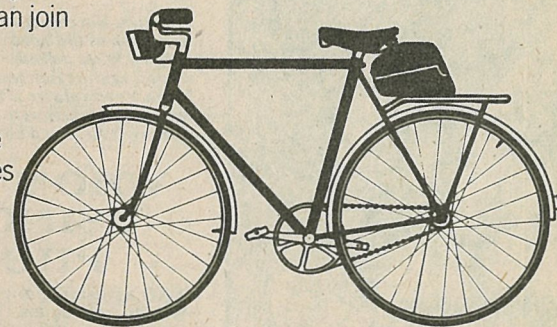
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4. How tall must you be before you can join the Police?

5. Do the Police ever use bicycles nowadays?



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5. Yes. Where there is a large beat to cover. Patrol cars would still provide a quick response to calls from the public.

ANSWERS

The ALAN HANSEN Mystery

IT has often been said that Kenny Dalglish never really produces his Liverpool form for Scotland, and now it appears that his Anfield team-mate Alan Hansen has been afflicted by the same deficiency.

At club level, Hansen is rated one of the brightest young prospects currently in the game, but his few appearances in the Scotland shirt have been less memorable.

Hansen was particularly unhappy with his form in the 2-0 defeat by Belgium in the European Championship last year, and is well aware that Scotland boss Jock Stein has yet to see him play anywhere near his best. With so many centre-halves available to Scotland, Hansen knows his place is in jeopardy.

"We really struggled against Belgium," he says. "And I had a terrible game. As a side we didn't start to play well and it was the same old story — a talented team just not getting the results."

"I'm worried that I fail to reproduce my club form in the Scotland side. Before the Belgium game, Liverpool had been playing superbly even by their standards and it goes without saying if I wasn't playing the same, I just wouldn't have kept my place with Liverpool. But as soon as I am selected for Scotland, nothing seems to go right. It is a real mystery."

Worrying

Inexplicable to Hansen but a worrying trend for Scottish boss Jock Stein. Three Liverpool men could play a key role in the side in the next few seasons — Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness.

But although Souness has probably been the best of the trio, none have really produced the superb football they are capable of in the red shirt of the Football League Champions.

Hansen says: "I do the same on the field with Scotland, as with Liverpool. But somehow, the confidence is not there. On my debut for Scotland, I was at fault for a goal. That was most unlike me. I just don't do the same when playing for the Anfield Reds."

"I don't know whether it's likewise for Kenny. He is at his most dangerous on the edge of the

penalty box but I often think he comes too deep when playing for Scotland."

"He's much better when turning players in the area. But whatever it is, I do know we have both been most disappointed with the displays we've given for Scotland. We want to do well for our country but it hasn't happened. I can only hope things will start to change for us, sooner rather than later."

Hansen, in a Liverpool shirt, has been in fine form again this season. Yet he admits he is still learning some aspects of his game. "This is my third campaign with the club and I feel I have made progress every season," he says.

"I'm not near my peak yet because I'm only 24. Defensively, I have got to improve and the manager constantly reminds me."

"I haven't always been a defender; midfield was my strong point. That's why I like to attack as much as possible."

"I like going forward and I have a lot to learn about defensive work. But to those who say I'm a weak link at the back, I have one reply. We won the First Division title last season with a record number of points and also by conceding just 16 goals in 42 League games. You don't win Championships with as good a defensive record as that if you're not good enough at the back."

"I am learning all the time but I don't want to curb my attacking instincts. I enjoy pushing forward whenever I can and I'm sure it helps the side to have another player moving up from the back, causing more problems to opposition defences. I stay back when I have to and despite what some critics might say I do a good job. It's obvious manager Bob Paisley would never select me if I wasn't."

Hansen has few worries at club level but one of the biggest mysteries is his poor international form. Only time will tell if he can reproduce sparkling performances at the very top.



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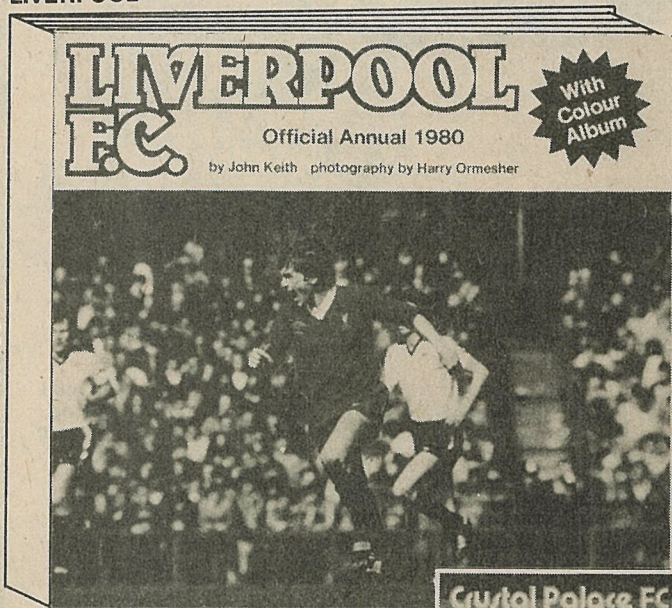
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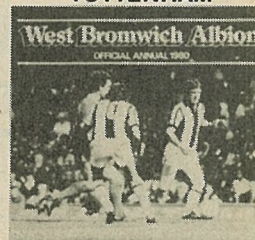
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MALCOLM POSKETT

given the Coldstone shoulder

MALCOLM Poskett's greatest disappointment came as his club celebrated the best moment in its history. Poskett, who helped Brighton to promotion from the Second last season with some key performances for the South Coast club, never got the chance he wanted when the big time finally arrived for the Sussex club.

Poskett, who went to Brighton to boost the club's push for promotion, scored nine crucial goals last season and helped the club gain First Division status.

But as all Sussex celebrated the arrival of big time clubs like Arsenal, Leeds, Liverpool and Spurs at the Goldstone Ground, Poskett was kicking his heels in frustration as a reserve team player.

Alan Mullery's decision to bank on Peter Ward, Teddy Maybank and then Ray Clarke to form the Brighton attacking spearhead, meant Poskett was out in the cold. And it was a simple decision for him to make when Watford manager Graham Taylor finally moved in to sign him early in the New Year for a fee of £120,000.

Poskett left Brighton feeling he hadn't been given a chance. "And that hurt more than anything," he said.

"I played three games in the Brighton first team this season and scored two goals. But I never got an extended run.

"I couldn't believe it when I was dropped after scoring at West Brom and helping us come back from 2-0 down to get a draw. I was astounded!

"Alan Mullery obviously thought I wasn't good enough. That may have been his opinion, but I disagree."

Poskett believes he would have become a regular scorer in the First Division. "I have a natural flair for goalscoring and always believe I will score in every game," he said.

Poskett was disappointed to leave Brighton. Although he was born in Middlesbrough, he settled on the South Coast and said: "It's a great place. I made a lot of friends and it was a wrench to leave."

"But I didn't enjoy the last three months. I thought I was going to remain in reserve team football for good. I was getting depressed and couldn't see a solution to the situation. I didn't need persuading when Graham Taylor came in for me."

"I'm glad Brighton are improving. They're a great set of lads and deserve some success. Good luck to them — but I wish I was still part of it, as a first team player. Being a reserve all the time was not for me and for that reason, I couldn't wait to get away."

So now, Poskett is with a club looking to follow Brighton's path into Division One. The former Middlesbrough and Hartlepool striker has to do it all over again.

"They can emulate Brighton's achievements," he says.

"I knew Graham Taylor in his early days at Watford when I was with Hartlepool in the Fourth Division. He has always been ambitious and has an excellent record."

'Challenge'

"We all know it will take time for Graham Taylor to build a promotion challenge but I'm sure it will come right in the end."

Poskett was Graham Taylor's second major signing from Brighton. Goalkeeper Eric Steele, a first team regular who helped clinch promotion last season, also felt the cold air of the reserves and he, too, left for Watford in a £120,000 deal.

Taylor supplemented those buys with two from Sunderland — Wilf Rostron for £100,000 and full-back Mike Henderson for £125,000. Four players with plenty of experience and ability.

"Eric Steele was a good friend of mine at Brighton and he told me what a great club Watford were. He sold them to me."

"I'm glad I joined because the potential is definitely there. Watford will be a major force in the Second Division within a couple of seasons and it will be an exciting time. Everybody is ambitious and I hope I can help them, with my experience."

"And we can put Watford on the map by clinching a place in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals on Saturday against Arsenal."

"If we play to our full potential, as we did in the previous round when we travelled to Wolves and won 3-0, I am sure we can do likewise against The Gunners at Vicarage Road."

Goalkeeper Eric Steele collects safely during Watford's tremendous 3-0 win at First Division Wolves in the F.A. Cup.



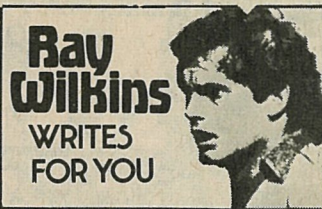
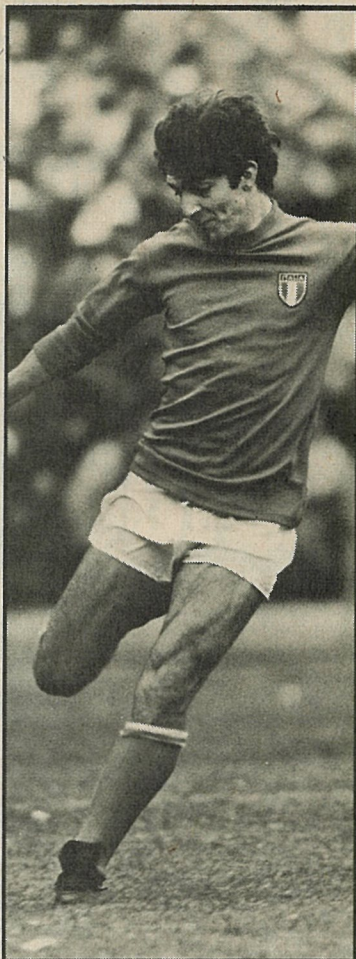
MANCHESTER United, apparently, set some sort of record the other week when, against Derby County at the Baseball Ground, we fielded internationals from SIX different countries. John Hayes, a reader from Co. Cork, pointed this out, adding that only goalkeeper Gary Bailey wasn't a full international. Here are the details:
N. IRELAND — Nicholl, McIlroy
REP. IRELAND — Grimes (sub)
ENGLAND — Coppell
SCOTLAND — McQueen, Buchan, Houston, Jordan, Macari
WALES — Thomas
YUGOSLAVIA — Jovanovic.

My first reaction was one of surprise, as I wasn't aware of this and no one at the club has mentioned it. Such a record wouldn't have been possible until recently, when foreign players were given the go-ahead to play in the Football League. Mind you, I doubt if many sides had previously boasted full internationals from all the Home countries plus the Republic of Ireland.

United's scouting system is wide and the club has done exceptionally well in bringing players over from Ireland, just as Arsenal have. In fact, half the Arsenal side has been Irish for almost as long as I can remember!

Talk lately has been of Italy's Paolo Rossi wanting to join Manchester United. Nothing official has been said within the club, although the players have, naturally, chatted about the possibility.

I'm not sure how much Paolo



would cost. I've read £2 million, but then someone said there is a U.E.F.A. maximum of £500,000, so it's all rather confusing.

Either way, a world-class player such as Rossi would be an asset to any club. He first came to my attention during the 1978 World Cup; I don't believe many people outside Italy were aware of the player until then.

In Argentina he quickly made a name for himself with his razor-sharp reflexes, speed and his eye for goals. Paolo has experience of playing against tough defenders — they don't come any tougher than the Italians!

It was pointed out to me that it is, perhaps, a surprise we don't have our full quota of foreign players, considering Dave Sexton's affection for Continental football. In fairness, our squad has been so strong we haven't needed anyone desperately, although Nikki Jovanovic is shaping up well.

LEFT . . . "Paolo Rossi has played against the world's toughest defenders."

RIGHT . . . "United in action against Derby at the Baseball Ground."



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burger SV for another foreign club. When I heard the shock news on TV I could hardly believe it. I thought the news reader was having me on!

The Old Trafford dressing room was buzzing the next morning and we all agreed on one thing: it was a huge surprise that he chose Southampton. No disrespect to Saints, but I think the first reaction of everyone was . . . Southampton?

Lawrie McMenemy has been a credit to the game the way he has handled the deal. It's a shame Alan Ball won't line-up alongside Kevin. Ballie has another year left in him

ABOVE . . . "Half the Eire team that played at Wembley was English."

tricky, but I have a hunch Spurs can maintain their impressive Cup form. Mind you, they'll have to win at White Hart Lane because I wouldn't fancy their chances in an Anfield replay. Spurs have several key players on top form — Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles notably — and their defence has stopped conceding the 'daft' goals it was letting in earlier in the season. The Londoners did well at Anfield in the League, even though they lost they caused The Reds a lot of problems. Should be a game to remember, whatever the outcome.

Brilliant

West Ham can be brilliant or frustrating, you never can tell with them. I'm tipping Villa to win through after a replay, as they have one of the best away records in the country. Villa must get to grips with Alan Devonshire and Trevor Brooking early on and cut off their supply to The Hammers forwards. If they can do that, their defence should do the rest.

Watford have their share of First Division Cup scalps and Arsenal won't relish their trip to Vicarage Road. The Gunners are experienced Cup fighters and give nothing away. I always find it very difficult to play against them, so tight do they keep things at the back.

So — Everton, Spurs, Aston Villa and Arsenal for the last four . . . and Nottingham Forest to beat Wolves in the League Cup Final. I think Larry Lloyd and Kenny Burns can handle John Richards and Andy Gray, which will give Forest the edge. The midfield battle will be fascinating and Wembley should see an open, exciting game.

Join me again in two weeks,

Raymond

'ANOTHER RECORD FOR UNITED'

He has a lazy-looking style, but is showing a lot of skill in training and reserve matches. Nikki began as a full-back, made his debut in mid-field (when I was unfit to play at Derby) and now is producing some impressive performances as a central defender. As I said before, I doubt if we'll see too much of him this season. Dave bought him as a player for the future rather than the present.

I was interested to read that the football authorities are changing the method of registering a player. The new system will necessitate details of a player's parents' birth-places being given. This is to stop 'English Irishmen' from slipping away, such as David O'Leary or Mark Lawrenson.

Half the Eire side we beat at Wembley was, in fact, English, but good luck to them. They aren't breaking any rules, just taking advantage of them . . . although

having said that perhaps having half a team playing who weren't born in that country is a bit strong!

Also, it's up to our selectors to be as on the ball as the Irish have been. I'm not against the ruling as it gives players the chance of an international career they may not have otherwise had, such as Bob Wilson, who won a few caps for Scotland or Bruce Rioch, who captained the Scots in the last World Cup.

Close

The main topic of conversation over the past few weeks, however, has undoubtedly been the return of Kevin Keegan to English football. I honestly had no idea he was joining Southampton. Trevor Brooking did, by all accounts, but Kev and 'Hadleigh' are very close and Kevin often confides in the West Ham midfielder.

I assumed he would leave Ham-

and the pair would have made a deadly combination.

Southampton are a good bet to top the away attendances table next season, but more than anything it'll be tremendous to have the best player in the world playing in the First Division.

As I write, I'm not sure of United's arrangements for this Saturday. We were scheduled to play Everton, but they'll be on F.A. Cup duty.

I'm tipping Everton to reach the Semi-Finals along with Spurs, Arsenal and Aston Villa.

I know Ipswich beat Everton 4-0 at Goodison Park, but the Cup is different and that result will have no bearing on Saturday's game apart from motivating Gordon Lee's men. There will be a huge crowd at Goodison Park and with Brian Kidd back, Everton could get their revenge.

Going against Liverpool is always

Internationals at Highbury

How often have England played a full international at Highbury, and who against?

PETER COULSON,
ELTHAM

● Arsenal's ground has been something of a happy hunting-ground for England, Peter.

There have been 12 full internationals there altogether — out of which England have lost only one.

That was the first, when Wales won 2-1 on 15th March, 1920.

The other games have been a 6-1 defeat of Belgium (19th March, 1923); a 3-0 defeat of France (3rd May, 1947); and a 2-2 draw (3rd October, 1951); a 6-2 defeat of Hungary (2nd December, 1936); a 3-2 defeat of Italy (14th November, 1934); a 4-1 defeat of Luxembourg (28th September, 1961); a 7-1 defeat of Spain (9th December, 1931); a 4-2 defeat of Sweden (19th November, 1949); a 6-0 defeat of Switzerland (2nd December, 1948); a 2-2 draw with Yugoslavia (22nd November, 1950); and a 3-0 defeat of "Rest of Europe XI" (26th October, 1938).

Forest fire

Is it true that a few years ago Nottingham Forest's ground caught fire during a match?

EDWARD PEARCE,
NORWICH

● It certainly is, Edward. That Forest fire took place on 24th August, 1968 — and caused the abandonment of their First Division game with Leeds.

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The City Ground in flames.



First World Cup

Who was the very first player to score a goal in the very first World Cup?

JONATHAN FETHERS,
MACCLESFIELD

● He was a player named Laurent, Jonathan, and he scored the opening goal for France against Mexico in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 13th July, 1930.

Shortly after, the French lost their goalkeeper — no subs then — but still won 4-1.

Liverpool winners

Please settle an argument by proving me right in that Liverpool beat Manchester United both home and away in the League last season.

STEPHEN WELLS,
BLACKNELL

● No problem, Stephen. They won 3-0 away on Boxing Day with goals from Ray Kennedy, Jimmy Case, and David Fairclough; and 2-0 at Anfield on 14th April with goals from Kenny Dalglish and Phil Neal.

Different story in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals, though, when United got to Wembley 1-0 in a replay after a 2-2 draw.

SHORT PASSES

● Ian Callaghan played 640 League games for Liverpool, scoring 49 goals.

(NEIL WAINE, Prescott)

● World War Two hero "Monty" — the late Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein — was for some years President of Portsmouth.

(F. R. DAVIS, Derby)

● Hartlepool conceded more than 100 League goals in four consecutive seasons from 1959-60 to 1962-63.

(JOHN DAKERS, Guildford)

● Plymouth's record win is 8-1 v. Millwall on 16th January, 1932; record defeat is 0-9 v. Stoke on 17th December, 1960 — both in Division Two.

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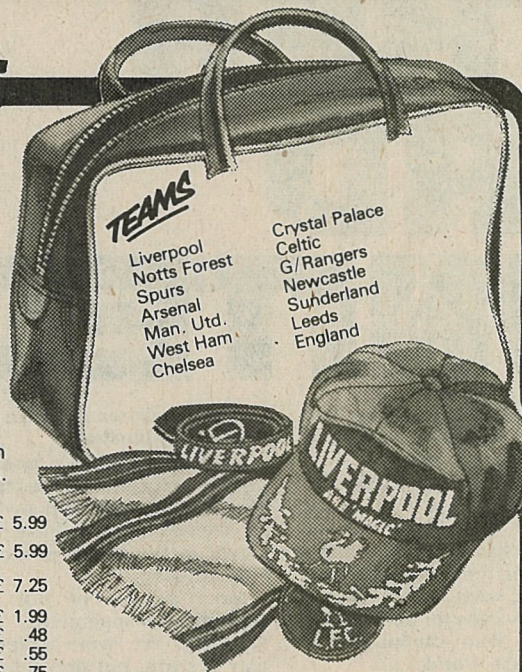
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THE Big Four, Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest, have monopolised the headlines with their winning ways in recent seasons.

They have established a stranglehold on most domestic competitions, and Liverpool and Forest have shown that British can also be best in Europe.

The fear is that English League football is in danger of becoming a four-horse race with the same old clubs sharing the spoils every season.

But in recent weeks a rank outsider has crept up on the rails with the promise of discovering the firepower to mount a serious challenge for honours next season.

Coventry City are serving notice to their rivals that they are on the verge of the big time.

Their manager Gordon Milne believes he needs only to add a dash of experience to the team's bubbling mix of fresh-faced young talent to lift the Sky Blues into the top stream.

"I'm looking for an old head or two before next season, an Alan Ball of five years ago.

"I want somebody to take responsibility on the field, to talk to the youngsters and encourage them. We would prefer more know-how in the team."

Milne made major strides in that direction when he invited Belgian international winger Roger Van Gool to Highfield Road for transfer talks.

Van Gool is rated one of the most effective wingers in Europe but has not played first team football for Cologne for four months after receiving a back injury.

"Roger has tremendous European experience at the age of 29," says Milne. "We like to play wingers and I'm sure his talents will capture the public's imagination."

Coventry are also reported to be interested in Bristol City's Scottish midfielder player Gerry Gow but Milne dismissed that as "pure speculation".

Milne believes he is within a hairsbreadth of making a breakthrough with his young Coventry team after eight years in the managerial chair.

He seeks more consistency and is confident of buying one or two experienced players when clubs embark on their traditional Spring sales.

Fans all over the country shared Coventry's joy when their team beat Liverpool 1-0 on January 19. Six of the victorious eleven were under 21.

But the following week they fell from grace by losing 1-0 to a revitalised Blackburn Rovers in the F.A. Cup.

"Duncan McKenzie told me afterwards that Blackburn's mid-field played more football than our entire team," said Milne. "He was right."

Milne was bred on the importance of consistency when he played for Liverpool but has never been able to achieve the same level of professionalism with his Midlands team.

It seemed as if Coventry would make more of an impact this season when they completed two summer signings, bringing David Jones from Everton and centre half Gary Collier from Bristol City. They



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

themselves this season; Gary Gillespie, still only 19, is on the verge of winning a Scotland cap after stirring performances at the heart of Coventry's defence. He captained Falkirk at 17 and is widely tipped to lead Scotland when he graduates to full honours.

Gary Bannister, 19; Paul Dyson, 19, who scored the winner against Liverpool after breaking out of defence; Tom English, 18, an England Youth striker; Mark Hateley, 18, the son of Tony Hateley the former Liverpool and Aston Villa striker; Danny Thomas and Steve Whitton, both 18; and Garry Thompson, the 20-year-old Birmingham striker, who fractured a leg after scoring nine goals last season, are names which seem

Manager Gordon Milne (left) needs a "old head" or two at Coventry.

destined to bring glory to Coventry in the next few seasons.

Jimmy Hill, Coventry's managing director, and his board have extended Gordon Milne the courtesy of operating a patient regime, entrusting the former Liverpool wing-half with the long process of nurturing a pedigree stable of talent.

Gordon Milne is beginning to repay their faith in his judgment, although his disarming modesty would place Coventry's improvement firmly at the door of the players.

The Big Four would be wise to look over their shoulders at a club which has never come higher than sixth in the First Division and has never gone beyond the sixth round of the F.A. Cup. They now have a team to match their facilities.

SKY HIGH FOR SKY BLUES

flopped. Coventry conceded 15 goals in losing their first five away fixtures.

Injuries to Scottish internationals Jim Blyth and Ian Wallace contributed to their difficulties and the team was depleted further when Keith Osgood and Barry Powell signed for Derby County.

But through the dark shone some light. Coventry broke Southampton's undefeated home record by chalking up their first away win in mid-October and once Wallace and Mick Ferguson were back together up-front after injury the club started to accumulate points.

Milne now pulled his master stroke by promoting youngsters from Coventry's talented reserve team and Wallace was dropped. Transfer speculation followed but with the Scottish striker rated in the £1 million bracket interest was slow in mounting.

Andy Blair and Ray Gooding, both only 20, have established

Tommy English scores for City against Liverpool but Ian Wallace (number 8) was offside. Milne is hoping to persuade Roger Van Gool (right) to join the club.



COVENT



BACK ROW (left-to-right): Terry Yorath (now Spurs), Garry Thompson, Paul Dyson, Jim Holton, Garry Collier, Tommy Hutchison, David Jones, Graham Oakey.
MIDDLE ROW: Gary Bannister, Donato Nardiello, Jim Hagan, Gary Gillespie, Les Sealey, Jim Blyth, Bobby McDonald, Steve Hunt, Andy Blair.

RY CITY



FRONT ROW: Barry Powell (now Derby), Ian Wallace, Brian Roberts, Ron Wylie (asst. manager), Gordon Milne (manager), Keith Osgood (now Derby), Mike Ferguson, Ray Gooding.

SHOOT!



Breitner shock

PAUL Breitner (above) threatened to leave Bayern Munich after the Bavarian club refused to back him when he wanted to sue the German F.A. Breitner was shown the yellow card when a free-kick was being taken for 'obstructing the game', but he claims the opposing players should have been the ones to have been booked as THEY wouldn't retreat ten yards.

Breitner was about to take action against the authorities when Bayern issued a statement saying "it is totally useless". The 28-year-old midfielder then phoned his friend Franz Beckenbauer to see about a transfer to the Cosmos.

It's possible, as the Americans' coach-elect Hennes Weisweiler has said he will bring a few top German players to New York.

● Because they have been paired with France in the 1982 World Cup qualifying competition, Belgium have cancelled their forthcoming friendly game with France and will play Luxembourg instead. Belgium will also play Uruguay and Poland in the run up to the European Championship. All three games are being staged in Brussels and in a bid to increase gate receipts the F.A. are offering cut rates if fans buy tickets for all three games.



Pele's choice

APPARENTLY Pele was the man behind Hennes Weisweiler becoming the next Cosmos coach. The German is leaving Cologne for New York this summer and Pele says: "If anything goes wrong it's down to me." He added, however, that he gave the Cosmos a short list of three candidates... Weisweiler César Menotti (Argentina) and Cláudio Coutinho (ex-Brazil). If anything does go wrong, maybe the Brazilian will say Cosmos chose the wrong coach!

● With the support of new national team boss Lars Arnesson, an indoor six-a-side tournament has been played in Stockholm and proved a big success. More than 9,000 spectators paid to see it, staged in an indoor ice hockey arena and the crowd was bigger than that which had watched any ice hockey game or First Division match in Sweden last season.

Slow start

ARGENTINA'S Metropolitan Championship got off to a slow start, with six out of nine matches on the opening day ending as draws. New boys Talleres of Córdoba, making a historic debut as a provincial team in the Buenos Aires-dominated League, started with a good 1-1 draw away to Huracán.

But the three teams to get a good two-point start to the season were All Boys, Racing and Diego Maradona's club Argentinos Juniors. Defending Champions River Plate had a lethargic opening, and only a Daniel Passarella penalty gave them a 1-1 home draw with humble Colón. Like practically all of the others, the Argentina Olympic team that has qualified for Moscow is made up entirely of professional players. They're not making much of a secret of it either — striker Randazzo openly admitted during the qualifying tournament in Colombia that his new contract with Boca Juniors gave him a guaranteed salary of £1,250 per month.

BRAZIL'S NEW STATES HIS

AS I have been telling readers for more than two months, Brazil are to have a new manager and he is Telê Santana, previously in charge of São Paulo club Palmeiras.

Senhor Santana is an altogether new quantity in Brazilian football: a full-time manager who will direct football at all levels on a national scale. From the junior team to the full Brazilian team and the amateur team for the Olympic Games, everything and everyone will be under his control.

A shy and retiring man, Telê is nonetheless a man of striking personality and only accepted the job after making sure he will have complete independence and authority to decide which players he will call to the team and which

he will decide to play in any given match. In other words, Telê made sure that he will not have to put up with what Cláudio Coutinho had to tolerate during the World Cup in Argentina, namely interference 'from above'.

A simple anecdote may convey Telê's character better than a lot of words.

Order

A long time ago he was coaching Fluminense, a team from Rio, when the directors issued an order that all people from the Football Department were not to use the front entrance any more, but rather a small, back one.

That was meant to stop a budding romance between the daugh-

CUP OF EMBARRASSMENT

THERE have been a few surprises in the Spanish Cup, where Second Division Elche are the main giantkillers, having knocked out First Division Las Palmas and Málaga. Third Division Longonés caused another upset by beating First Division Salamanca 2-1 on aggregate, and Real Madrid's nursery side, Castilla, caused a sensation when they beat First Division Hércules 5-4 on aggregate after losing the first-leg 4-1!

But the system of playing Cup-ties on a home-and-away basis means less excitement for the fans, especially as the top clubs involved in European competitions are exempt from the Spanish Cup until the last 16.

And the organisation of the tournament is such a shambles that after the Fourth Round the F.A. find themselves in the embarrassing position of having 15 teams left in the competition!

So the Fifth Round will amount to just two games, and the 13 survivors will join Real Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia in forming the last 16.

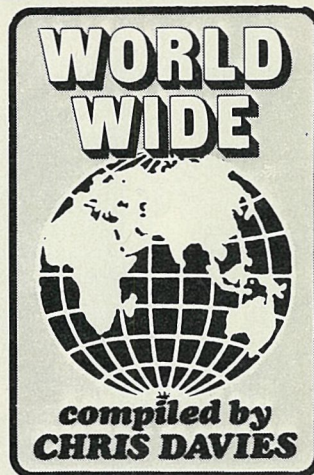
Got that? Er... I'm not sure that I have...

Meanwhile, in the League black market tickets were changing hands for as much as £120 for the recent Barcelona/Real Madrid battle. Laurie Cunningham captured all the headlines with a five-star performance in Real's 2-0 win, and Barcelona's first home defeat of the season put them well into the bottom half of the table.

Incredibly, Barcelona had conceded only one goal at home prior to this game. But amid all the gloomy faces, one Barça man was smiling — the club treasurer!

Capacity crowds for the Real Madrid game and the Super Cup match against Forest had given Barça gate receipts of half a million pounds in just five days.

Incidentally, crowds of Real fans flocked to the airport to welcome the team back to the capital. What's more the Real players received a bonus of £1,500 a man for their win — which works out at £16.50 per minute!



WIM JANSEN, known in Holland as Mr Feyenoord, is leaving the Rotterdamers for the United States, almost certainly Los Angeles Aztecs, where he will link up with fellow countrymen Rinus Michels, Johan Cruyff and Wim Suurbier. The 33-year-old star had a row with the Feyenoord management and his departure will be a blow for the Dutch team in the European Championship Finals.

MANAGER TERMS

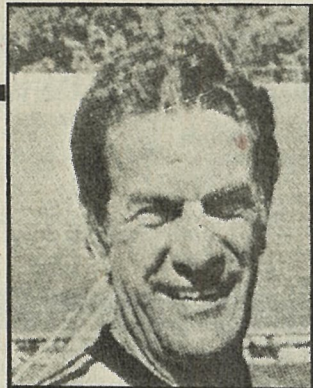
ter of the president of the club and one of the players, who happened to be black.

Telê didn't say anything. A few nights later, however, he was summoned to a meeting with the directors, that went smoothly enough, having to deal only with routine matters.

When the meeting was over, the directors walked towards the main entrance and were surprised to find out that Telê was going the opposite direction.

"Hey," they called out, "This is the way out."

"It may be for you," replied Telê, "But not for me, because I work in the Football Department and all people from the Football Department have been given orders to make use of the back entrance."



"But at this time the back entrance is closed," said the club's officials, startled by Santana's unorthodox method of exit.

"I will jump over the wall," retorted Telê. And so he did.

Ticket prices halved

STRUGGLING Olympique Marseille are in serious danger of relegation to the French Second Division, and the club is in all sorts of financial trouble. But new president Christian Carlini has shown that his heart is in the right place by immediately slashing ticket prices by 50 per cent. Attendances have increased dramatically despite the team's poor League position.

Staying in France, F.C. Nantes' Argentine defender Enzo Trossero put the ball in both nets during his team's 4-1 victory over Bordeaux. He equalised for Bordeaux with an own-goal in the 55th minute, but made amends 15 minutes later by scoring at the 'right' end. Nantes strike Pecout then scored twice in a minute to put the result beyond doubt and clinch a hat-trick.

Two players of Eintracht Braunschweig recently visited a local gaol to talk to prisoners about football. Upon leaving, the players left some tickets for the next Eintracht Braunschweig home game ... for the wardens, of course!

All Austrian players with foreign clubs have clauses in their contracts that stipulate they will be released for internationals six clear days before the games. Until now the West German DFB have accepted the release of players on Sunday and Monday for games on Wednesdays, but for 1982 World Cup games Austria have announced they will insist that everyone reports to manager Karl Stotz for the full six days and that will mean that for Wednesday internationals, the players will all miss club matches the previous week-end.

West German amateurs TuS Langerwehe beat Hertha Berlin in the Cup. The team were cheered on by 12,000 locals in the small stadium. The unusual fact is the population of Langerwehe is only 6,000!

News flashes

Playing for Juventus in their 2-0 away win against Pescara, goalkeeper Dino Zoff established a new club record of 230 League games for the club. This beat the record of 229 games set by the pre-War international star Alfredo Foni.

New Hamburger SV chairman Dr. Wolfgang Kleins has re-engaged the successful duo of Günter Netzer and Branko Zebec as business manager and coach respectively. Their new contracts run until 30th June, 1982, and at the request of Zebec he also re-engaged Yugoslav assistant coach Alexander Ristic who works with the youth team. Zebec will receive £4,000 a month plus bonuses and Netzer will receive just over £3,000 a month.

Malmö FF are seeking a coach to specialise in working with their goalkeepers and organising a school for young 'keepers. They have made an offer to former Russian star Lev Yashin (right) who is currently business manager of Dynamo Moscow, the star's former club.



With PSV Eindhoven fourth in the Dutch First Division and eight points behind leaders Ajax, the Philips directors told manager Kees Rijvers they would be appointing a new boss from 1st July. Rijvers still had three years of his contract to run, and in his eight seasons with PSV has led the club to their greatest ever successes. Rijvers decided to leave immediately.

Clodoaldo, who played for Brazil in the 1970 World Cup Final, has left Santos after 15 years' service. He says he will now play abroad for three years.

West Germany and Holland are considering having a longer winter-break, playing more League games mid-week earlier in the season.

Each Portuguese First Division club has an average of 2.7 Brazilian players, according to a survey.

Leão (below), Brazil's number one goalkeeper, has now played 88 times for his country — 56 wins and 24 draws is his record, having participated in three World Cups. His club record is also astonishing: in 1979 he completed 960 games for São José dos Campos, Comercial, Palmeiras and now Vasco.



Dutch amateur side FC Wulfrath have used their pitch, on privately owned land, for 35 years. Now, it has been discovered that a sergeant of the American Air Force hid some valuable coins underground during World War Two which he hoped to collect 'later'. The landowner is spending £4,000 having the pitch dug up, but even with this expense, plus the 50 per cent levy he has to pay the Dutch Government, will show a handsome profit. Meantime, FC Wulfrath are looking for another pitch.

Jan Tomaszewski's (below) performance for Beerschot against FC Bruges recently was described by the Belgian Press as being "even better than at Wembley for Poland against England in 1973". Tomek even saved two penalties ... but was eventually beaten twice in the last five minutes for Bruges to win 2-1.



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**(Third Round)
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NEWCASTLE (0) 0
CHESTER (1) 2 (Henderson, Rush)

24,548

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Withe, Rafferty, Hibbitt (Connolly).
Chester: Millington; Jeffries, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Hunt)
WOLVES (2) 3 (Berry, Carr, Richards)

14,836

Notts Co: Leonard, Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Kilcline, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hooks, Mair.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Brazier, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Gray, Eves (Clarke).

OLDHAM (0) 0
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hutchison)

12,151

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Valentine, Halom, Stainrod, Atkinson, Steel.
Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Gooding, Dyson, Gillespie, Nardiello, English, Ferguson, Blair, Hutchison.

PRESTON (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 3 (Mariner 2, Brazil)

16,986

Preston: Tunks, Taylor, McAteer, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, McGee, Bruce.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark (Beattie), Muhren, Mariner, Gates, Brazil.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Hazell)
WATFORD (2) 2 (Bolton pen, Rostron)

19,398

Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Wallace, McCreery, Hazell, Wicks, Walsh (Burke), Waddock, Allen, Currie, Hill.
Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Booth, Sims, Bolton, Patching, Blissett, Ward, Train, Rostron.

READING (1) 2 (Earles, Heale)
COLCHESTER (0) 0

7,780

Reading: Death; Joslyn, White, Bowman, Hetzke, Moreline, Earles, Kearney, Heale, Sanchez, Lewis.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Downman, Wright, Gough (Rowles), Foley, Lee, Allinson.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
BOLTON (1) 1 (Whattmore)

24,464

Sunderland: Siddall; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Arnott, Marangoni, Hawley (Rowell), Robson, Cummins.
Bolton: McDonagh; Clement, Nicholson, Greaves, Allardayce, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Cantello, Reid.

SWANSEA (1) 2 (Toshack 2)
C PALACE (1) 2 (Kember, Walsh)

17,970

Swansea: Letheran; Marustik, Rushbury, Charles, Stevenson, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack, Mahoney.
C Palace: Burridge, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Kember, Francis, Walsh, Flanagan (Murphy), Hilaire.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Ardiles)
MAN UTD (0) 1 (McIlroy pen)

45,207

Tottenham: Aleksic; Hughton, Miller, Yorath, McAllister, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones (Pratt), Gibson, Hoddle, Villa.
Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Regis)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Pearson)

20,572

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Trewick, Wile, Robertson, Deehan, Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Barnes.
West Ham: Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Pike, Brooking, Neighbour.

WREXHAM (1) 6 (Edwards, Vinter 3, McNeil 2)
CHARLTON (0) 0

10,670

Wrexham: Davies; Darracott, Kenworthy, Davis, Jones (Hill), Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Carrodus.
Charlton: Wood; Hazell, Gritt, Tydeman, Berry, Madden, Powell, Warman, Hales, Walker (Ostergard), Robinson.

YEOVIL (0) 0
NORWICH (1) 3 (Paddon, Robson, Fashanu)

8,524

Yeovil: Parker; Battams, Payne, Harmison, Broom, Gold (Williams), Morrall, Jones, Green, Scott, Finnigan.
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downs, Ryan, Brown, Powell, Mendham, Paddon, Fashanu, Robson, Peters.

BLACKBURN v FULHAM and ROCH-DALE v BURY postponed.

Third Division

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (McEwan pen.)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Taylor 2)

4,003

Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, McEwan, Ashurst, Thompson, Morris, Doyle, Bamber, Kellow, Harrison.
Oxford: Brown; Doyle, McIntosh, Briggs, Cooke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Duncan, Foley, Berry, Watson.

BRENTFORD (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Price, Westwood)

7,850

Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol (Walker), Kruse, Fraser, Shrubbs, Fear, Booker, Graham, Phillips.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Bruce, Weatherly, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Jolley.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Moss, Walker)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Busby)

13,887

Chesterfield: Kendall; Tarrt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmons, Crawford.
Sheff. Utd: Richardson; Speight, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goey (Brown), Garner, Busby, Bourne, Sabella.

PLYMOUTH (2) 5 (Cook 2, Sims 2, Harrison)

6,341

HULL (0) 1 (Norrie)
Plymouth: Crudgington; James, Harrison, Randall, Foster, Phillips-Masters, Hodges, Cooper, Sims, Cook, Bason.
Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Skipper, Croft, Dobson, De Vries, Roberts, Moss (Farley), Edwards, Haigh, Norrie.

Fourth Division

HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Houchen 2)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Peplow)

2,492

Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Gerry, Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Loadwick, Newton, Houchen, Hampton.
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neill, Craven, Kelly, Beamish (Mungall), Peplow.

HEREFORD (0) 2 (Jones 2)
DONCASTER (1) 2 (Riley 2)

2,793

Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Cunningham, Spiring, McGrellis (Stephens), Jones, White.
Doncaster: Peacock; Russell, Snodin, Lister, Lally, Bradley, Pugh, Little, Riley, Nimmo, Flanagan.

NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Ward, Farmer)
YORK (0) 0

2,095

Northampton: Poole; Farrington, Sandercock (Sargent), Byatt, Waldoock, Sandy, Denyer, Ward, Bowen, Farmer, McCaffrey.
York: Brown; Kay, Harrison, James, Clements, Pugh, McGhie (Ferebee), Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Loggie.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 3 (Syrett 2, Carmichael)

3,014

Scunthorpe: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Guy, Slough, Foster, Quow (Lambert), Kellock, Cliss, Syrett, Robson.
Scunthorpe: Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Deer, Hall, Oates, Keeley, Cammack, Pilling, Partridge, Stewart.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Townsend o.g.)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Evanson)

2,875

Port Vale: Dance; Beech, Griffiths, Bentley, Delgado, Sproson, Jones, Farrell, Wright, Bromage, Chamberlain (N).
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impy, Townsend, Chambers, Elliott, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Kindon)

7,639

Walsall: Green; Mower, Paul, Sbragia, Serella, Williams, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.
Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Laverick, Hart, Kindon, Robins, Cowling (Fletcher).

DARLINGTON v LINCOLN postponed.

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (1) 1 (MacLeod pen.)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0

25,000

Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, McAdam, Provan, Sullivan, Lennox, MacLeod, Doyle (Edvaldsson).
Dundee Utd: McAlpine; Stark, Kopel, Fleming, Hagarty, Narey, Bannan, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Holt, Kirkwood (Dodds).

Tottenham's Ardiles and Hoddle combine in an attempt to foil Manchester United's defensive wall in an F.A. Cup Third Round tie.

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Pirie)
PARTICK (0) 1 (McAdam)

6,788

Dundee: Donaldson; Barr, Shirra, McLaren, Glennie, Williamson, Mackie, Redford, Pirie, Sinclair, Murphy.
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, Anderson (Wilson), Doyle, Melrose, O'Hara, Gibson (Jardine), Park.

KILMARNOCK (2) 3 (Street 3)
HIBS (0) 1 (Campbell)

6,000

Kilmarnock: McCulloch; Welsh, McLean, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Houston, Gibson, Bourke, Cramond, Street.
Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan (Lambie), Rae, Paterson, McNamara, Callachan, MacLeod, Higgins, Campbell, Best.

MORTON (0) 1 (McLaren)
ABERDEEN (0) 0

7,000

Morton: Baines; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, McLaren, Craig (Tolmie), Scott, Hutchison, Ritchie.
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Considine, McLeish, Garner, Rougvie, Strachan, Archibald, Hamilton (McGhee), McMaster, Jarvie.

RANGERS (0) 1 (Jardine)
ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (McDougall 2)

17,000

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth (T), Jackson, Stevens (Cooper), McLean, Russell, Smith (Parlane), MacDonald (A), MacDonald (J).
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Beckett, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark (Docherty), Somner, McDougall, Weir.

Scottish First

AIRDRIE (3) 5 (Clarke 3, McVeigh, McKeown)
ARBROATH (0) 2 (Barbour, Mylles)

1,500

AYR (2) 4 (Christie 2, Morris, Frye)
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Graham)

3,122

DUMBARTON (0) 0
STIRLING (0) 1 (Beaton)

2,500

DUNFERMLINE (1) 3 (O'Brien 2, McNaughton)
CLYDE (1) 1 (Hood)

2,700

HEARTS (0) 3 (O'Connor 3)
CLYDEBANK (0) 3 (Miller, Ronald, McCormack)

5,200

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Kidd)
BERWICK (0) 1 (Smith D.)

2,729

ST JOHNSTONE v RAITH postponed.

Scottish Second

E. STIRLING (1) 1 (Rennie)
ALBION (0) 1 (Campbell)

700

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

BUCKIE THISTLE (0) 0
BRORA RANGERS (0) 0

1,500

COWDENBEATH (3) 3 (Markey, Russell, Liddle)
FORFAR (1) 2 (Clarke 2)

758

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
PETERHEAD (0) 0

407

STRANRAER (0) 1 (Inglis)
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Leetion)

1,000

THREVE ROVERS (0) 2 (Davies D., Davies N.)
KEITH (0) 3 (Bremner, O'Hara, Fettes pen.)

672

ALLOA v E. FIFE, BRECHIN v MONTROSE, COLDSTREAM v QoS postponed.



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Irish League

BALLYMENA (1) 5 (Malone 3, McQuiston, Jess)

COLERAINE (0) 0

Ballymena: White, Donald, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, McCall, Mullan, Sloan, McQuiston, Malone, Jess.

Coleraine: Magee, McDowell, McNutt, McCandless, McCallion, McConaghie, Healey, Foregrave, Platt, Dickson, Mahon.

BANGOR (1) 2 (Duddy, McCoubrey)

CRUSADERS (1) 3 (King 2, McPolin)

Bangor: Nicholson; Feeney, McKimm, Radcliffe, Harrison, Cummings, Lennox, McLoughlin, Barratt, McCoubrey, Duddy.

Crusaders: McDonald; Fellows, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McPolin, Kennedy, Currie, King, Byrne, Rice.

CLIFTONVILLE (0) 0

LARNE (0) 0

Cliftonville: Johnstone; McGuicken, Largey, Flanagan, Quinn, McCurry, Bell (Kingon), McCusker, Erwin, O'Connor, Holden.

Larne: Coburn (Graham); Wilson, Cleland, McManus, Carland, Connor, Hardy, Clarke, Dornan, McAuley, Prenter.

DISTILLERY (0) 1 (Kerr)

ARDS (1) 1 (Martin)

Distillery: Smith; Andrews, McGreevy, Keatley, McElhinney, McAuley, Kerr, Cowden, Richardson, McMinn, Coulter (Magee).

Ards: Craig; Walker, Cromie, Cullin, McCoy, Gibson, Welsh, Martin, Toal (Foster), Mowat, Maxwell.

GLENTORAN (2) 3 (Jameson, Porter, Irvine)

GLENAVON (1) 1 (O'Kane)

Glentoran: Anderson; McCreery (Rab), Carson, Walsh, Moore, Gracey, Irvine, McCreery (Ron), Blackledge, Porter, Jameson.

Glenavon: McCullough; Davey, Quinn, McGuigan, Stitt, Donnelly, Armstrong (Devine), O'Kane, McGeown, Tully, Hunter.

PORTADOWN (1) 2 (Hayes o.g., Quinn)

LINFIELD (0) 1 (Rafferty)

Portadown: McCallum; Smyth, Edgar, Campbell, Kilburn, Cleary, Gordon, Gardiner, Alexander, Graham, Quinn.

Linfield: Dunlop; Garrett, Hayes, Jamison, Rafferty, McKewon, Nixon, McKee, McCurdy, Anderson, Murray.

Sunday, January 6

League of Ireland

BOHEMIANS (1) 1 (McCormack)

DUNDALK (0) 0

Bohemians: Byrne (W); Gregg, Nolan, Burke, Brady, Whelan, McCormack, Kelly, Byrne (M), Lawless, Eviston.

Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Kelly, Dunning, Lawlor, Devine, Flanagan, Byrne (Rogers), Daly, Crawley (McKenna), Muckian.

CORK UNITED (0) 1 (McCarthy)

LIMERICK UNITED (1) 1 (Duggan)

Cork Utd: Ludzic; Punch (Finnegan), O'Mahony, O'Donovan, Brohan, Nodwell, Keane, Morley, Allen, McCarthy, Lane.

Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, O'Mahony, Hand, Fitzgerald, Nolan, Meaney, Walsh, Morris (Matthews), Duggan, Kennedy.

DROGHEDA UNITED (0) 1 (Freeneay (pen))

SHAMROCK ROVERS (1) 1 (Campbell)

Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Haughey, Byrne, Ferguson, Flanagan, Campbell, Doran, Freeneay, Martin, Tuite, Carthy.

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Synnott, O'Leary, Mulligan (Burke), Gannon, Treacy, Gaffney, Byrne (Bayly), Campbell, Buckley.

GALWAY ROVERS (1) 1 (Herrick)

FINN HARPS (3) 3 (Minnock, McLoughlin, McGroarty)

Galway Rovers: Lally; McDaid (Daly), Sheehan, Murphy, Nolan, Gaynor, Cooke, Cassidy, Collins, Mannion (Quinlivan), Herrick.

Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Monagle, McDowell, McElwaine, Duffy, Logan, McLoughlin, McGroarty, Minnock, McGroarty.

SHELBOURNE (1) 1 (Dillon)

WATERFORD (0) 1 (Dunphy (M))

Shelbourne: Delahunt; Boyle, Carney, McMahon, Cleary, Moody, Murphy, Donnelly, Byrne, Nugent, Dillon.

Waterford: Thomas; Hall (Dunphy (M)), Gardiner, Finucane, Dunphy (T), Jackson, Coady, Madigan, Kirk (Carey), McCarthy, Keane.

SLIGO ROVERS (2) 3 (Bradley, Hulmes, Fielding (pen))

ATHLONE TOWN (1) 3 (Salmon (pen), Devlin 2)

Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, O'Doherty (D), Fagan, Rutherford, Stenson, Sheridan, Patton (McLoughlin), Bradley, Doherty (G), Hulmes.

Athlone Town: Smyth; Feniuk, Smith, Wyse, McCue, Fullam, O'Connor (P), Salmon, O'Connor (T), Clarke, Devlin.

THURLES TOWN (2) 2 (Sheehy, Jordan)

ST PATRICK'S ATH (1) 3 (Malone (pen), Jameson, Wright)

Thurles Town: Dunne; Doran, McQuaid, Lyons, Tierney, Heffernan, Jenkins, Lawson, Steedman (Dardis), Sheehy, Jordan.

St Pat's Ath: Grace; Higgins, Munnely, Malone, Murphy, Doyle, Wright, Hynes, Jameson, Barron, Kirwan.

UCD (0) 0

HOME FARM (1) 2 (Williams, Cervi)

UCD: McCabe; McKeown, Doyle, McDonnell, Fox, Cassidy, McGovern, Gough (Murphy), Dignam, Drury, Moran.

Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, Brady, Breslin, King, Neville, Williams, Cervi, McCluskey, O'Neill, Stephens (Archbold).

Monday, January 7

F.A. Cup

(Second Round replay)

WIGAN (0) 1 (Brownbill)

NORTHWICH VICTORIA (0) 0 11,298

Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton (Brownbill), Quinn, Urquhart.

Northwich Victoria: Ryan; Ritchie, Collier, Mayman, Nisman, Jones, Braithwaite, Wilshaw, Smith, Bailey, Wain.

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell)

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Beedie) 1,297

Tuesday, January 8

F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford)

FULHAM (1) 1 (Money) 9,826

Blackburn: Arnold; Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Metcalfe.

Fulham: Peyton; Peters, Mason, Money, Banton, Gale, Greenaway, Beck, Davies, Maybank, Wilson.

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (O'Loughlin)

BURY (1) 1 (Whitehead) 10,000

Rochdale: Watson; Bannon, Snookes, O'Loughlin, Waldron, Taylor, Hart, Wann, Seal, Scaife, Hilditch (Jones).

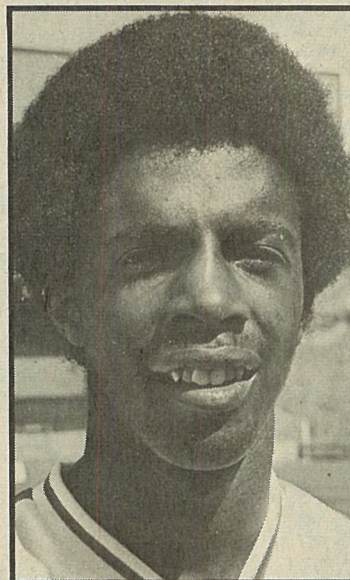
Bury: Forrest; Constantine, Kennedy, McIlwraith, Whitehead, Waddington, Mullen, Wilson (Johnson), Halford, Hilton, Madden.

F.A. Cup

(Third Round replays)

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Sunderland 2)

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Buchanan) 36,582



Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, Walcott, Young, Gattin, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Moore (Stevens), Ronson, Buchanan.

C. PALACE (1) 3 (Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Hilaire)

SWANSEA (2) 3 (Waddle, Giles, Toshack) a.e.t. 27,006

C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Smillie, Murphy (Goodchild), Swindlehurst, Walsh, Hilaire.

Swansea: Letheran; Marustik, Rushbury, Phillips, Stevenson, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack, Mahoney.

HARLOW (1) 1 (Mackenzie)

LEICESTER (0) 0 9,723

Harlow: Kitson; Wickenden, Flack, Gough, Clarke, Adams, Mackenzie, Mann, Prosser, Twigg, Austin.

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Lineker, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Pike, Brooking)

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown, T) 30,689

West Ham: Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Brush, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Pike, Brooking, Neighbour.

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Trewick, Wile, Robertson, Deehan, Brown (A), Regis, Owen (Brown, T), Barnes.

Third Division

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Wignall)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips pen.) 3,251

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Downman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Lee, Allinson (Rowles).

Chester: Millington; Jeffries, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Ruggerio, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

Wednesday, January 9

F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Brisley)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Cochrane) 31,743

Portsmouth: Mellor; McLaughlin, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Ellis, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Hedley, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.

Palace's Hilaire (left) scored in a 3-3 Cup draw with Swansea.

(Replays)

MAN. UTD (0) 0

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Ardiles) a.e.t. 53,762

Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Houston, McLroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

Tottenham: Aleksic (Pratt); Hughton, Miller, Yorath, McAllister, Perryman, Ardiles, Armstrong, Gibson, Hoddle, Villa.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Mayo, Jennings)

ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 (Johnson) 8,841

Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Moores, Godfrey, Hughton, Mayo, Jennings, Coates.

Altrincham: Stepney; Allan, Davidson, Dailey, Owens, King, Heathcote, Whitbread, Johnson, Rogers, Howard.

Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

ALLOA (1) 1 (Hamilton)

E. FIFE (0) 0 1,050

Friday, January 11

Fourth Division

ROCHDALE (2) 2 (Taylor, Hilditch)

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Walsh, Ball) 1,697

Rochdale: Watson; Bannon, Snookes, O'Loughlin, Waldron, Taylor, Hart, Wann, Seal, Scaife, Hilditch.

Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Taylor, Walsh (Hamilton).

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Sherlock, Prudham)

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Craven, Beamish) 2,878

Stockport: Lawson; Rutter, Sherlock, Henson, Edwards, Czuczman, Williams, Prudham, Sword, Chapman, Coyle.

Tranmere: Johnson; Parry, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, Mungall, Craven, Kelly (Kerr), Beamish, Peplow.

Saturday, January 12

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 0

LEEDS (0) 1 (Connor) 32,799

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, Walcott, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson, Greenhoff, Madeley, Gray, Hird, Connor, Entwistle, Hampton.

ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Gibson, Donovan)

EVERTON (0) 1 (Eastoe) 31,108

Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Shaw.

Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Ross (O'Keefe), Hartford, Eastoe, Latchford, Kidd, McBride.

BOLTON (0) 0

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Ward 2) 13,963

Bolton: McDonagh; Clement, Nicholson, Greaves, Allardice, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing (Carter), Cantello, Reid.

Brighton: Moseley; Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.

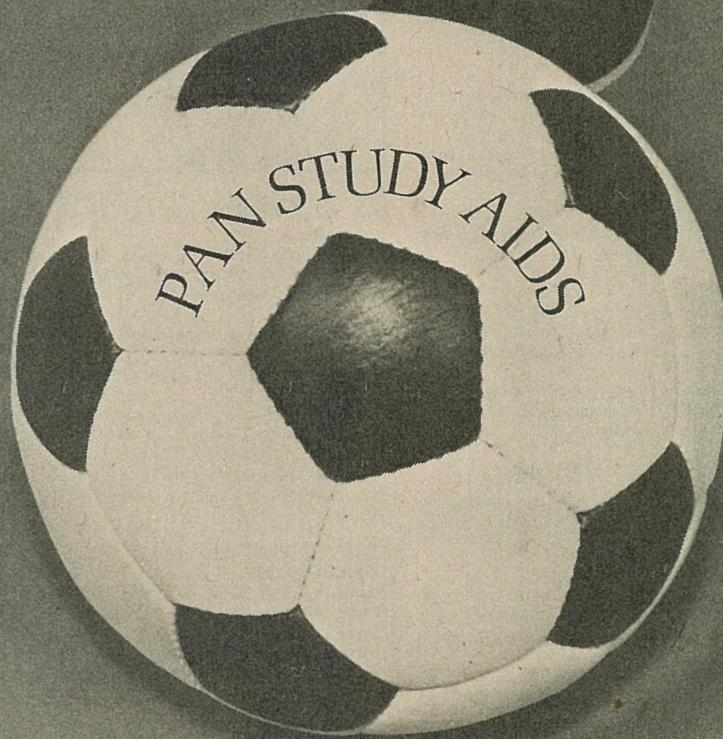
DERBY (0) 1 (Osgood)

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Walsh 2) 16,872

Derby: McKellar; Emery, Buckley, Daly, Powell (S), Osgood, Clark (Emson), Powell (B), Biley, Davies, Moreland.


C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Cannon, Kember, Boyle, Gilbert, Swindlehurst, Fenwick, Walsh, Smillie, Goodchild, Hilaire.

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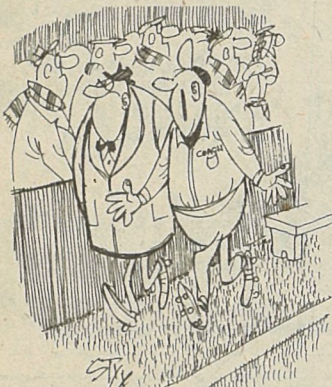
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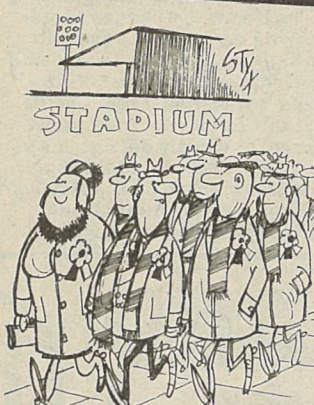
"I want you to be the sort of centre-forward that it's hard to get close to"



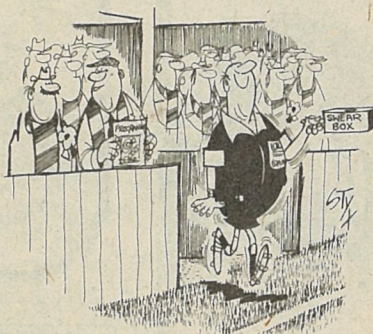
"Remember you lot — if I score, promise not to kiss me"



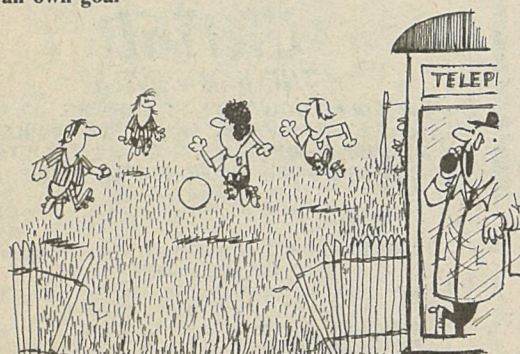
"But, boss — the set piece you worked out went like clockwork yet it finished up with us scoring an own goal"



"My wife never misses one of their matches — she loves a good cry"



"That's one of his little perks"

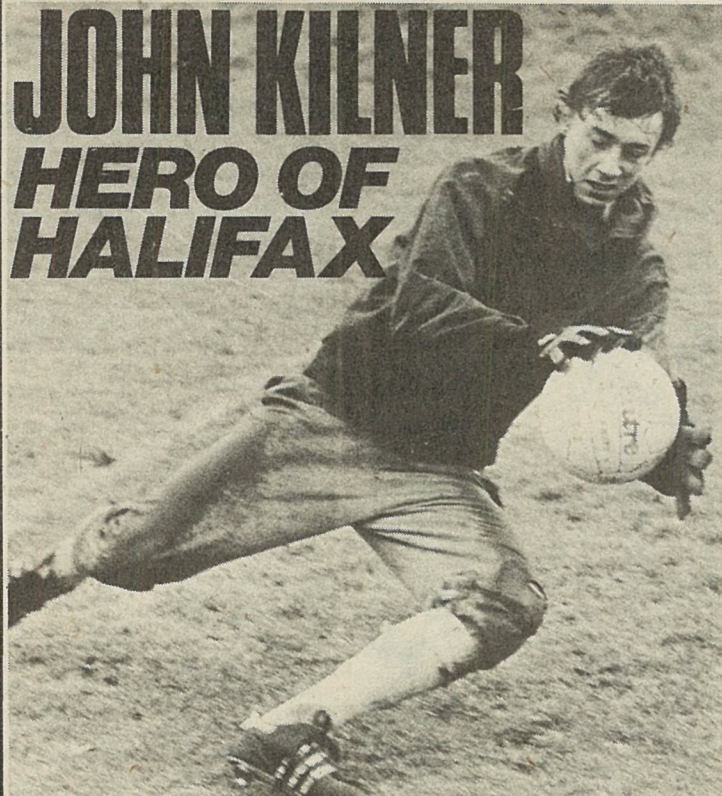


"I've found a dream of a kid, boss. Even grows his hair like Kevin Keegan"



This week West Ham central defender Alvin Martin selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

JOHN KILNER HERO OF HALIFAX



MANCHESTER City manager Malcolm Allison won't forget the name of John Kilner in a hurry. Neither will his players.

For it was the 20-year-old Halifax Town goalkeeper who made sure that they fell at the first hurdle in this season's F.A. Cup trail.

Two of his saves in the Third Round mudbath at The Shay belonged in the miracle class.

"I'll never know how he got to those shots from Mike Robinson and Bobby Shinton," gasped Halifax boss George Kirby. And it takes brilliant 'keeping to impress Kirby, who built up a healthy dislike of goalkeepers during a career which included service with Southampton, Leicester City and Everton and brought him over 200 goals.

When he enthuses about Kilner it isn't simply the natural enthusiasm of a manager for a promising player. "It's genuine admiration for a first-class pro," Kirby said.

"He's been a splendid signing for us. I paid Preston £12,500 for him in September after having had him on loan for over half of last season and he hasn't had a bad match.

"In fact I reckon he's already paid off his transfer fee. And the great thing is he can only go on improving.

"He's a grand pro — a hard worker, keen listener to advice and a very cheerful dressing-room influence."

But Yorkshire fans are asking: How long can humble Town hang on to their prize possession? Bolton-born Kilner prefers not to think long term — "I've a lot to learn and I owe Halifax a few seasons for the way they've given me my big chance of League football," he says — but he admits he wants to play in the First Division eventually.

Until that day comes, however, he is dedicated to helping Fourth Division Halifax continue their revival. Last summer the club had to apply for re-election; this time

they are doing much better.

And their young recruit has done as much as anyone to achieve this improvement. This tall, angular Lancastrian, who moved to the Manchester area from his native Bolton when he was a ten-year-old, became a 'keeper by accident. He explains: "One day when I was 14 the regular man failed to turn up so they threw me his jersey."

"Presumably because I didn't let in a hatful of goals they picked me for the position the following week and I've done the job ever since."

He represented Salford Boys as a schoolboy and then graduated to Manchester amateur football, where he was spotted by Harry Catterick, who signed him as an apprentice for Preston.

Satisfied

After three years at Deepdale, Kilner decided that he would learn quicker if he could get first team football. This hunger to better himself was satisfied by George Kirby midway through the 1978-79 season when Halifax's regular 'keeper Mick Leonard was injured.

Kilner moved to The Shay on loan, played 21 games, enjoyed the challenge and the atmosphere of being with a small-town club which was fighting for survival, but then he moved back to Preston during last summer because the two clubs could not agree a fee.

But Kirby, believing that Kilner was vital to his plans to revitalise Halifax, was determined to get his man. And after only four matches with Preston's second-string this term the youngster was back at The Shay — on a permanent basis.

"I couldn't pack my bags fast enough when I heard the news!" he says.

"The club has had an unfashionable image too long now," Kilner continued, "and we are determined to prove we are a good side. That win against Manchester City was just the start, and Halifax are going places."

Shinton wants to prove Allison wrong



BOBBY SHINTON is trying to pick up the threads of a broken football career. Shinton, who has been on a month's loan to Millwall, is certain to leave Manchester City, sooner rather than later.

Shinton went to Maine Road for £300,000 from Wrexham last summer. The deal promised to give Shinton everything he wanted, particularly First Division football. At 27, he was a late arrival in top grade football but fancied by many to do well.

That was at the start of the season. Now according to Shinton the last seven months have been a nightmare. He claims City manager Malcolm Allison never gave him a chance. So now, Shinton hopes to prove Allison wrong by joining another First Division club — and proving he's good enough to be playing at the top.

From Maine Road, Manchester to Cold Blow Lane, Millwall, is a long trip but Shinton made it purely to put himself back in the footballing limelight. He said after his debut for Millwall: "I'm desperate to be in the shop window. It's good of Millwall to give me a chance because it costs them my wages and they're not

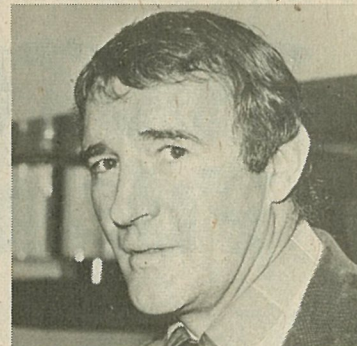
small. But although they might seem an unfashionable club they have proved they've got big hopes for the future.

"The club have a lot of promising youngsters but may need more organisation, on the field. I am sure that will come and those kids will lift them back to the Second Division."

Shinton's loan period expired a few days before the transfer deadline. Interested parties would have had to move fast to get their man but it is clear he has something to offer.

Ambition

"I've a burning ambition to be with a top club and prove Malcolm Allison wrong," he says. "I was given a chance with City and that hurts more than anything. Going to The Den was a chance to start enjoying my football again after the nightmare at City. The Maine Road club is fine; in fact, it's a terrific set-up and it really is the big time. But if your face doesn't fit as mine obviously did not, it's very hard making the breakthrough. Now, all I want to do is get fully fit, play competitive football and enjoy myself. I've had so many



upsets this season it's really one I want to forget."

Manchester City required a fee of between £150,000 and £200,000 for Shinton. That seemed a reasonable price for a man who has plenty of talent, experience of European football, from his Wrexham days, and enough ambition.

Shinton adds: "It's a funny time for me. I have been living with my wife and daughter in Ipswich, at my mother-in-law's home. That has meant training at Cambridge, one of my old clubs, for a couple of days a week before returning to Millwall on Thursdays. But if it means I get an offer after a month of first team football with Millwall, it will all have been worthwhile."

"I feel bitter it didn't work out for me at City. I waited so long to get into First Division football and when I finally got the chance the whole set-up collapsed around me. But I'll fight my way back, as long as someone gives me a chance. That's all I need."

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

AIRDRIE

NOW IT'S BOOMFIELD!

BROOMFIELD, home of quaintly-named Airdrieonians, has been known in the past as Gloomfield for painfully obvious reasons to the fans of the local team.

However, when present manager Bobby Watson took over three seasons ago he promised to change all that and on the strength of this year's performances is succeeding in his objectives.

Their displays this season have been encouraging and at one stage it looked as though they would saunter into the Premier Division. They have slipped since then, although you can't count them out of the promotion race, but the overall improvement in their play is there for all to see.

Airdrie boss Bobby Watson.



"I've always had a soft spot for this club although I never played for them, of course," says local-boy-made-good Watson, the former Rangers and Motherwell strong man.

"When I got the opportunity to take charge of the team I considered it fully before agreeing. I knew the fans here were impatient for success and I wanted to give it to them.

"But I had to make it clear right at the start that we needed their support. Certainly they are fully entitled to sound off if they want, but I wanted them to get behind their team even when things weren't going quite right.

"Every successful clubs needs understanding fans. Look at Liverpool, for a start. Players need 'lifting' when the ball isn't running properly for them and that is where the fans can play such a vital role.

"This is a joint effort at Broomfield, you know. I want success, the players want success and so, too, do the fans. I want everyone to join in and do their bit for the club."

Airdrie fans haven't been slow to criticise past players and managers. Their verbal comments have driven some bosses from the hot seat at Broomfield and Watson is determined not to become another statistic on the chopping block.

After a game last season where Airdrie were slammed by the fans who had turned against them,

Airdrie defence thwarts a Stirling Albion attack.



Watson agreed to meet these supporters at Broomfield the following morning to have a 'clear the air' talk about things.

It was a genuinely brave move by a man who wanted to get to the heart of the trouble, but if Bobby arrived at Broomfield that day expecting to face the wrath of thousands his fears were quickly dispelled . . . only two fans turned up!

Watson realises he still has a mammoth job on his hands at Broomfield although the side is beginning to play with a bit more sparkle and imagination under his bold management.

'Delighted'

"When the Board turned down a bid of around £150,000 from Hibs for Sandy Clarke I knew they meant business," says Watson. "I wanted to keep the player, but, let's face it, £150,000 is a lot of money for a part-time club to reject. I was absolutely delighted when I heard that news. It was a real boost, I can tell you."

Airdrie, founded in 1878, do not have a past littered with awesome success. In the old First Division set-up they were runners-up on four successive occasions between 1922 to '26. So close, but yet so far away!

They won the Scottish Cup in '24 as a consolation, but have never done anything of note in the League Cup.

The closest they came to glory in recent years was reaching the Scottish Cup Final against Celtic at Hampden six years ago. They had shocked everyone by getting to the big game and they played well on the giant occasion, but, at the end of a hectic, entertaining afternoon's play, they had to be content with being the runners-up yet again, the Parkhead side winning 3-1.

Airdrie fans immediately recall that game and tell you it could have been so much different if only this or only that had happened. They are enthusiastic fans — some may say TOO enthusiastic at times — and they want to be involved in big-time soccer.

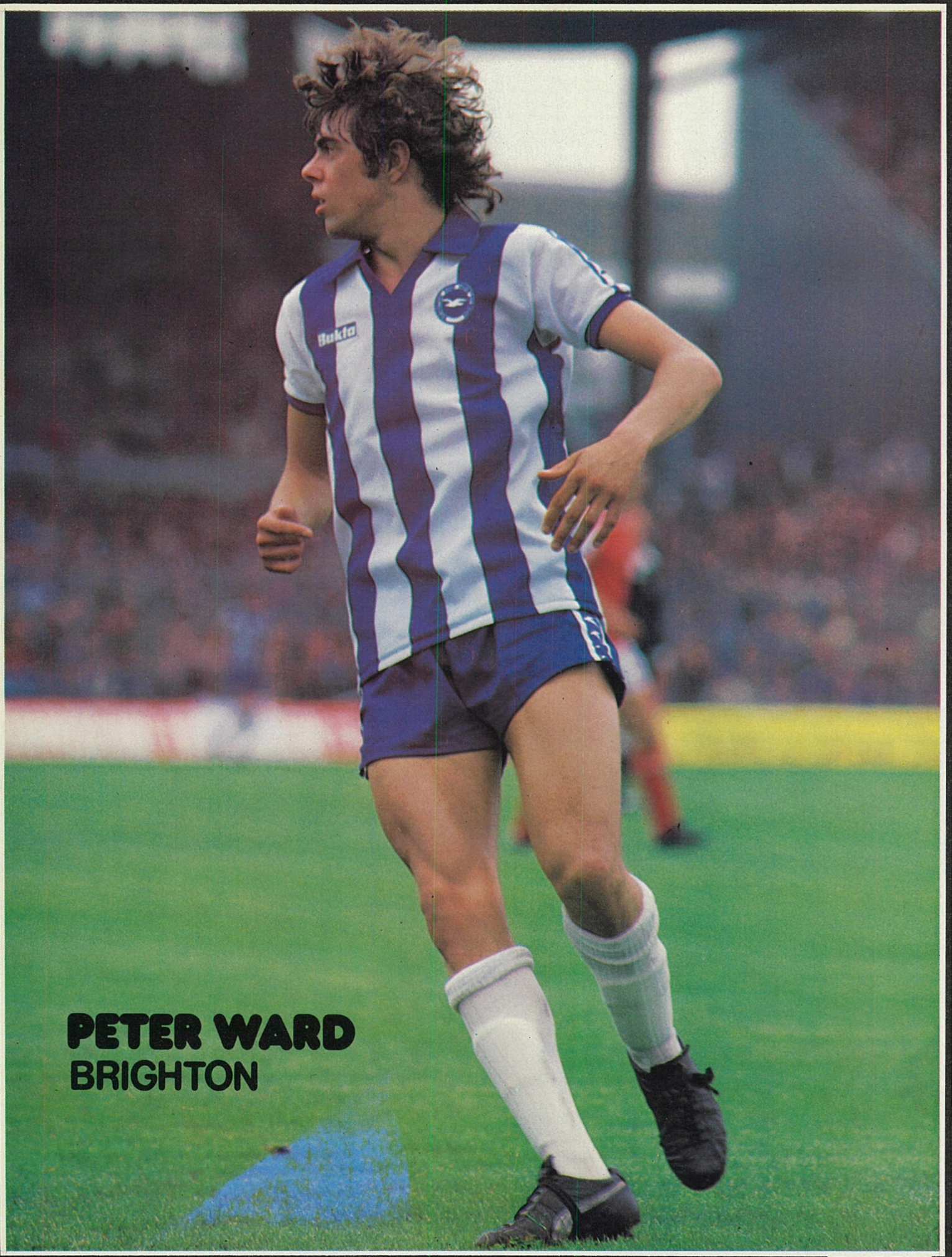
Bobby Watson is currently doing his utmost to ensure that they get their wish . . .

AIRDRIE



BACK ROW (left to right): Willie McCulloch, Jim Rodgers, Jim March, Ernie McGarr, Tom Walker, Gordon Hamilton, Tommy Veitch.
 CENTRE ROW: Bobby Morrison (coach), John McClymont, Brian McKeown, Raymond Irvine, Ronnie Scott, Brian Pearce, Brad Kirkland, Harry Erwin, John Lapsley, Ronnie Brady.
 FRONT ROW: David McDonald, Bobby Gordon, Sandy Clark, John McVeigh, Willie Maguire, Norrie Anderson, Wilson Humphries (asst. manager), Dan McGeough.

SHOOT!



PETER WARD
BRIGHTON

THERE was a time when a football manager had to wear a battered old trilby, an equally decrepit suit, carry a pension book discreetly in his back pocket and live up to the legend of being a tyrant.

Thankfully those days are gone. The average age of the football manager has dropped so far one wonders if teenagers will be picking the teams of the future if the trend continues.

But one thing hasn't altered. The job demands character and resilience. A weak manager is soon found out. There are some who surprise us, some who seem to grow with the responsibility of the job. Some shrink and never go back to it.

Whoever would have said that Bobby Moore, having led England to such glorious heights as a World Cup Final victory in 1966, would find it so difficult to get a job?

And who would have predicted that Frank McLintock, a gifted and articulate man, or Paddy Crerand, knowledgeable and

forward-thinking, would give up management within months of taking on their first assignments?

There are no rules as to who will or will not make a football

manager, but there are guidelines which become patently obvious during a man's playing career.

So who are the managers of the future — the men who earn their corn by playing today, but will probably shape the destiny of the game in the future?

There are dozens of contenders in the League right now, some of whom will succeed and others who will fail, but we're sure one man who'll give it a go is West Bromwich Albion's educated captain and centre-back John Wile.

Throughout his career with Peterborough United and Albion, Wile has been a player's player, a man who was always willing to stand up and be counted. He speaks his mind with fresh enthusiasm and love for the game, and is not short on ideas.

During his time at The Hawthorns he has played under such diverse characters as Don Howe, Johnny Giles, Ronnie Allen and Ron Atkinson and each in his own way will have given something for John to follow.

Another good listener who will undoubtedly be picking up the right kind of tips is Emlyn Hughes.

Surely nobody could spend so many illustrious years at Anfield without getting the basic ingredients for good management.

As the captain on the bridge for first Bill Shankly and then Bob Paisley Emlyn must have known their philosophy of success from A to Z, and with his own almost boyish ebullience and determination to do well Emlyn has the sort of infectious spirit that would be bound to rub off on his players.

His old England colleague Alan Ball has to come under the same category. Strangely both began their Football League careers at Blackpool, whose greatest manager ever was the remarkable Joe Smith, epitomising the character we started to tell you about.

Benefit

Ballie has also had the benefit of working for men like Sir Alf Ramsey, Don Revie and Ron Greenwood at international level as well as Harry Catterick, Terry Neill and Lawrie McMenemy. The little man has never been afraid to speak up.

Ball recently signed a three-year contract to become player-manager of his first club, Blackpool, but such is his commitment to the game with Southampton and Vancouver Whitecaps, he is not sure when he

will commence his new duties.

It remains to be seen if he has the same verve and vision off the pitch as he has on it, but the portents must be good.

People like Terry Venables, Alan Mullery and Jackie Charlton were dead ringers for managers long before they hung up their boots, and coming into that same bracket must be Martin Peters.

The Norwich man has done it all, seen it all and wants to carry on in the game. He has always had to live with Alf Ramsey's comment that he was ten years ahead of his time — but he has done so with a grace and style that makes you ask whether the former England supremo was right.

There are still those in the game who believe Martin should have been a permanent fixture in the England side, in which case he could easily have won 100 caps.

John Bond describes him as his "little pot of gold" and certainly no one could deny that he has been Carrow Road's best-ever buy.

Peters is the quiet, efficient sort who goes about life the same way he does his football, totally unaffected, unflappable, often almost unnoticed, but always there guiding the course of things, reading perceptively what others fail to see.

TOMORROW'S BOSSES

WILL THEY SOON BE IN CHARGE?



John Wile (left) and Martin Peters have the experience needed to become successful managers.

Emlyn Hughes and Alan Gowling (right) have been fine players and now look set to carry on into management.

He is a sure-fire manager of the future, unless he chooses otherwise himself. And in that other proud First Division area of East Anglia, ambitious Ipswich have their own man of many parts who could well go into management; Mick Mills.

It took great reservoirs of character for Mick to overcome the nightmare of his international debut when Yugoslavia's Dragan Dzajic ran him ragged, but Mick was equal to it and has eventually come through with flying colours.

If not the most naturally gifted of England's footballers he is certainly one of the most dedicated and tenacious. Just as Geoff Boycott has had to fight his way to the top in cricket, so Mick has done the same in soccer holding his England place in the face of strong challenges from Trevor Cherry, Kevin Beattie, Kenny Sansom and Derek Statham.

Ron Greenwood knows Mick Mills will never let him down, and his reward has been the captaincy of the side whenever Kevin Keegan or Emllyn Hughes has not been playing.

Keegan is another, of course, who has all the attributes of making a good manager. A thorough grounding in the game, a widespread interest in life, the ability to converse intelligently, and to mix with all manner of folks, and above all that magical quality — the capacity to bring out the best in others.

Having reached such massive attainment himself Kevin doesn't have to prove anything to anyone

— they should follow his example.

Of the current England squad one imagines players such as Ray Clemence, Trevor Brooking and Steve Coppell may also have the desire to manage one day, but, of course, it isn't always the best player who makes the top manager.

Billy Wright and Stanley Matthews were great footballers — two of the greatest — but they didn't find management quite so palatable. Bobby Charlton and Nat Lofthouse also found it hard going and soon got out.

At the other side of the fence, men such as Lawrie McMenemy, Bob Paisley and Bertie Mee wouldn't pretend to have been exceptional footballers, but all have proved themselves magnificent managers.

The current secretary of the PFA Gordon Taylor is highly intelligent and obviously revels in the high-powered work he performs, yet he has been what might be called a good, honest professional without ever reaching the heights.

Wanderings

One imagines Bolton's Alan Gowling, who has perhaps had more ups and downs than Taylor during his wanderings, but who is nonetheless short of becoming an all-time 'great', is of the same ilk.

He has written books on the game, knows football business inside out, and would surely have the motivation, as well as the brains, to make a good job of management.

A few miles away, nearer the centre of Manchester, there's Martin Buchan, who many in the know reckon to be the most serious-minded thinking footballer in the game today, and over at Derby another fine defender, Roy McFarland, could prove to be the daddy of them all.

Having served under Brian Clough he must know a little bit about the game! It should be interesting to review this article in four or five years time and see if any of our budding managers of tomorrow do make the grade.

GOALLINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Dan Crowley of Bantry, Co. Cork in the Republic of Ireland, who wins a special SHOOT T-shirt. He writes:

NEW STADIUM FOR EIRE

★ In recent years the Republic of Ireland has produced some top-class players. Now, it's about time we had a top-class stadium.

The recognised international ground is Dalymount Park, but it is much too small with a capacity of only 30,000.

It's a terrible pity that games have to be played on a Rugby pitch as opponents often moan about the poor surface. The F.A. of Ireland should take a long look at the old fashioned ground and facilities that are keeping supporters away.

Meanwhile, we can only look with jealousy at Wembley and Hampden Park.

● In my opinion both Wembley and Hampden are hopelessly out of date compared with the best on the Continent and even club grounds here are better than them. I feel sorry for fans who pay higher prices to see internationals and get poor value in terms of facilities.

Promote Keith

THE Scottish League should have re-election like their English counterparts. The Scottish Second Division badly needs new blood and a team like Highland League Keith, who have done so well in this season's Scottish Cup, could bring back some supporters to the game here.

Meadowbank Thistle, the League's newest club, have done well after a shaky start. Keith could do the same, I'm sure.

DOUGLAS DRINNAN, PRESTWICK.

● New names always stimulate interest and in England the elected clubs have all done themselves justice.

Good odds

A LETTER in Goal Lines pointed out that the two Wolves/Bristol City games this season attracted the same attendance: 18,835. You wondered what the odds against this are — in fact they are 354,757,000-1.

EDWARD LOCKHART, ETON COLLEGE.

● I wish I'd had £1 bet on it now ...

Too late

BOTH the BBC and ITV regularly televise games after 10 pm. I am nine years old and a great

football fan; I'm fed up with being told to go to bed as "the football is on late "or" you have school tomorrow."

I thought the F.A. wanted kids to be interested in football. Surely they won't if they can't watch it on T.V.

PAUL KNOTT, HENDON.

● The television companies are governed by the football authorities as to how much soccer they can show and at what time. Your comments are very valid and I'm sure Match of the Day shown at 7 pm would attract a larger audience than it does at present.

Paisley's dilemma

I WAS very upset and disappointed recently to hear that 'Super Sub' David Fairclough (below) has been seriously thinking about leaving Liverpool if he does not get a first team place soon.

He has proved how valuable he is to the side, scoring winning goals after coming on as sub, and after his performance at Carrow Road scoring a hat-trick he must be wondering himself what else he has to do before he can stop being 'Super Sub'.

I think it would be a disaster for Bob Paisley to let him go so how soon is he going to realise this and give David the place he deserves?



● How can Paisley possibly drop Kenny Dalglish or David Johnson, who has been leading the First Division goal-chart? It's a 'problem' the other 91 League managers would love to have.

Pen-pal

I'M an 18-year-old Italian boy and I'd like to correspond with an English boy who supports Manchester City.

ALBERTO BERGAMASCO, VIA FRATELLI ROSSELLI 1, 37138 VERONA, ITALY.



FOOTBALLERS are always being hammered by the media for dirty play, yet compared to many other sports soccer is tame.

For instance, the recent England-Wales Rugby Union international, which I recorded on my video tape recorder, was real X-certificate stuff.

Some of the tackles were horrific. By comparison to the "sinners" at Twickenham, even the toughest of football's hard-men are saints.

Yellow cards are waved in most football matches yet very few players will try to deliberately injure an opponent.

Soon after the start of the England-Wales rugby match fighting broke out. The two captains were warned and a player sent-off.

As the Chief Constable of Manchester said: "Is there any wonder youngsters resort to sadistic violence when they see it deliberately practised in the name of sport?"

If footballers behaved like that they'd probably be banned for life!

But violence and controversy isn't restricted to Rugby.

A few weeks ago Michael Holding, the West Indian fast bowler kicked down the stumps when an umpire refused his appeal in a Test Match against New Zealand.

The West Indians' manager condoned his player's action and the team boycotted an after-match presentation in protest against the umpiring.

And remember how Dennis Lillee and some of the Australian cricket-



Ilie Nastase has had many brushes with authority and has often paid the price with a suspension or a fine.

"Soccer's aren't so

ers behaved in the recent series against England?

The actions of certain top class cricketers were, well, disgraceful.

Any footballer blatantly making a mockery of match officials would be very quickly and severely dealt with.

Yet the Australian Cricket Board virtually ignored the disgraceful conduct of their players.

In Olympic ice hockey most games feature punch-ups, with referees stepping between flailing fists and sticks.

Tennis stars like Ilie Nastase and John McEnroe are often seen swearing at umpires and line judges. Yet they are regarded by many fans as heroes.

I know stars of other sports are punished for stepping out of line but most escape lightly.

Footballers not only face stiff fines by their clubs when they are booked or sent-off, but receive bans from the Football Association as well.

Soccer isn't as black as it's

MY SOCCER
WORLD
**Viv
Anderson**



painted, especially in this country. Okay some foreign players will resort to unsavoury tactics and attempts to intimidate and hurt opponents, but I can honestly say I've rarely experienced any really vicious fouls in British football.

I've been injured as the result of bodily contact, of course. Take Forest's recent League Cup Semi-Final tie at Liverpool recently.

During the game I was cut under an eye by a flying elbow, but it was not intentional.

Most bookings in football are not for foul play, but arguing with referees. Something you rarely see in rugby.

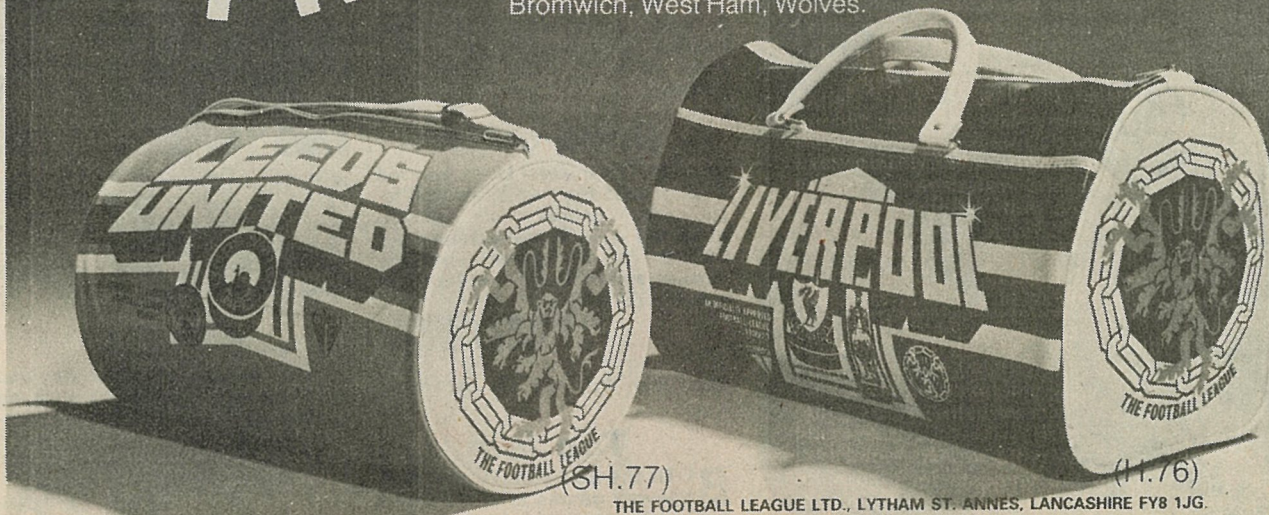
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SINNERS bad after all



Welsh flanker Paul Ringer (left) drops his head in shame after being sent-off against England at Twickenham. After a bad tackle, Aston Villa's John Gidman (right, now Everton) is shown the red card.



more temperamental and often there's much more at stake. But generally it's because of the inconsistency of referees.

I've often had a moan at a ref for giving what I've thought was a wrong decision. Maybe rugby refs don't make many errors of judgment.

They also have the ten yard rule in rugby. If players protest a decision the ref moves the ball ten yards nearer the dead-ball line.

Introduce this into soccer and it may cut out arguing, although in all honesty I can't see it happening.

Mind you, we only see the top refs in rugby when the internationals are on telly. What they are like in the Leagues I don't know.

In football the men-in-the-middle have a tough job and are among the best in the world. Have a look at the top internationals between other countries and more often than not the match officials are British.

Where most of our refs have trouble is spotting the "divers".

Cautious

I'm cautious when tackling an opponent anywhere near the six-yard box. One touch is often enough to give away a free-kick, or worse a penalty.

My rule is — keep your eye on the ball, never the man. Make it clear you ARE going for the ball.

Brian Clough would never condone Forest players deliberately cheating in these situations. But as all professional footballers will tell you . . . if you go down, stay down. If the ref awards a kick in your favour, fine. This will even up the score if a decision went against you in a previous match.

Dubious decisions in and around the penalty-area are favourite talking points for the TV pundits like Jimmy Hill.

In my opinion Jim and his contemporaries on the other channel don't do the game any favours by holding inquests on every little incident and blowing them out of all proportion.

When a soccer player is involved in a controversial incident the Press and TV will prolong it.

For instance, Forest's Kenny Burns committed a foul during a

game at Tottenham earlier in the season.

He knew he'd done wrong and was rightly booked. Kenny was also punished by the club for his action.

The TV showed the incident over and over again. Agreed it was a bad foul . . . but not that bad.

No one wants to stop Jimmy Hill or anybody else commenting on the game . . . as long as they are constructive.

So next time you watch rugby, cricket, tennis or ice hockey spare a thought for the footballer . . . and I'm sure you'll agree we aren't so bad after all.

This Saturday (March 8th) Forest should have been playing Tottenham at the City Ground, but they have another match . . . at home to Liverpool in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup.

Forest know all about the Cup favourites and it's hard for me to bet against them. I forecast a draw with Liverpool winning the replay.

Now let's have a brief look at the rest of the draw.

West Ham v. Aston Villa. Hammers played extremely well against Forest in the League Cup and are making a great run in to promotion, but Villa have also hit form.

This promises to be a real cracker of a tie at Upton Park, but I feel Villa will just nick it.

Watford v. Arsenal. A fine performance by Watford at Wolves in the last round, but I must go for The Gunners.

Finally Everton v. Ipswich. The men from East Anglia are playing well and have made tremendous progress after such a disastrous start to the season.

However, the F.A. Cup is all Everton have left to them so that extra incentive should see them through to the Semi-Finals.

All I wish is that I could have talked about Forest's involvement in Saturday's Cup-ties.

See you next time . . .

Kid Andrew

ARGENTINE ALEX LIKES LEEDS

OUT of both major Cup competitions, and like everyone else without a cat in hell's chance of catching Liverpool in the League, or even qualifying for Europe this year, Leeds United have a battle on their hands to retain the interest of their supporters for the remaining weeks of the season.

The answer could be just 30 miles down the road — and that doesn't mean they should all go to watch Manchester United!

There's an undoubted talent in the Third Division setting provided by Sheffield United which could be bought by Leeds to provide just the injection of interest they require — the name Alex Sabella.

The swarthy Argentine has made no secret of the fact that he would regard a move to Leeds as "magnifico."

During his two seasons at Bramall Lane, Sabella has glittered like a star in a black, thundery sky and although he might find it difficult at times to sustain his brilliance amid much mediocrity he has done enough to show that at a higher level he could certainly live with the best.

When both Leeds and United were redundant on a Cup-tie Saturday recently they amused themselves by playing one another in Sheffield and Sabella's eye-catching display was nothing short of breathtaking.

There can be no doubt that the little man's extra effort was motivated by a genuine desire to impress Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson.

The local Press could hardly believe Sabella's work rate — in a friendly — and he was unquestionably the star of United's 2-1 victory over the First Division side.

It was ironic perhaps that Adamson had arranged the game to try out two other South American imports — Peruvian internationals Raul Gorriti and Victor Hurtado.

Failed

The pair had only stepped off a plane just over 24 hours before being plunged into their trial, and not surprisingly failed to do justice to themselves.

As a result Adamson decided not to sign either man and long before the final whistle his eyes must have wandered from the Peruvian pair to the Argentine.

Leeds haven't had much luck in their attempts to land a foreign fish.

Two years ago Jimmy Armfield took the Hungarian international Josef Horvath on trial, but he found the problems of registration

insurmountable and Horvath departed Elland Road as quickly as he came, eventually finding his way across the Atlantic to Toronto Blizzard.

And recently Austrian World Cup star Herbert Prohaska promised to visit Leeds with a view to signing — but he didn't even turn up.

Now after this latest episode Adamson may shelve his foreign interests altogether or take the easier way out by signing a player already registered, already established in the Football League, and already known to have the necessary ability to cope with the Football League — Alex Sabella.

Sheffield United would be reluctant to part with their talented star while promotion to Division Two remains in the balance, but manager Harry Haslam may be forced to sell his exciting import if the lure of Elland Road proves too great for Alex.



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Quiz Time

1. Former Orient full-back Dennis Rofe (below) was transferred from Leicester City to which other London club for around £80,000?



2. Which former England midfielder star has signed a three-year contract with Blackpool to become their player-manager?

3. A Fourth Division transfer record was set when Sunderland splashed out £135,000 to Wigan Athletic for Jim, Joe or John Hinnigan?

4. Another player on the move recently was West Brom's reserve goalkeeper David Stewart. He was signed by which Welsh club for £60,000?

5. F.A. Youth Cup holders Millwall reached the Semi-Finals when they beat Middlesbrough 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 at The Den?

6. David Richardson, Kevin McNally or Ken Walmsley will referee this season's League Cup Final between Nottingham Forest and Wolves at Wembley on March 15?

7. Which Chelsea defender was out of action recently with suspected glandular fever?

8. Which clubs have the following nicknames: (a) The Rams, (b) The Ironsides, (c) The Seals and (d) The Shrimpers?

9. Who is manager of Fourth Division Crewe Alexandra?

10. Which English Second Division club offered George Best (below) training facilities before his reinstatement at Hibernian?



ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUPS

The F.A. Cup Fifth Round and Scottish Cup Fourth Round ties were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions.

11. The shock of the round in England was undoubtedly Watford's fine 3-0 win against Wolves at Molineux. Who was the Second Division striker who scored two of the goals?

12. Everton knocked out Second Division Wrexham 3-2, 4-2 or 5-2 at Goodison Park?

13. Did Arsenal's Frank Stapleton score the first goal of the game or was it the equaliser against Bolton at Burnden Park?

14. Was Osvaldo Ardiles or Ricardo Villa (below) pulled down by a Birmingham defender to give Glenn Hoddle the chance to put Spurs 2-1 in front at White Hart Lane from a penalty?



15. Can you name the player who came on as substitute for Liverpool against Bury and scored the two goals that clinched the tie?

16. In Scotland, the highest win was by Aberdeen, who beat which First Division side 8-0 at Pittodrie?

17. Celtic were held to a 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2 draw with St. Mirren at Parkhead?

18. Who scored the winning goal for Rangers against Dundee United in the dying minutes at Ibrox?

19. Which non-League side were beaten by Berwick Rangers?

20. What was so unusual about Hibernian's Fourth Round tie against Ayr?

ANSWERS:

1. Chelsea. 2. Southampton's Alan Ball. 3. Joe. 4. Swansea. 5. 3-0. 6. Richardson. 7. Mick Droy. 8. (a) Derby County, (b) Newport County, (c) Chester, (d) Southend United. 9. Tony Waddington. 10. Fulham. 11. Malcolm Poskett. 12. 5-2. 13. First goal. 14. Ardiles. 15. David Fairclough. 16. Aldrie. 17. 1-1. 18. Derek Johnstone. 19. Keith. 20. It was the only game played on the Sunday.

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(Brighton):

Frame B scorer:
IAN WALSH (Crystal Palace).

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Chester. (12) Swindon.

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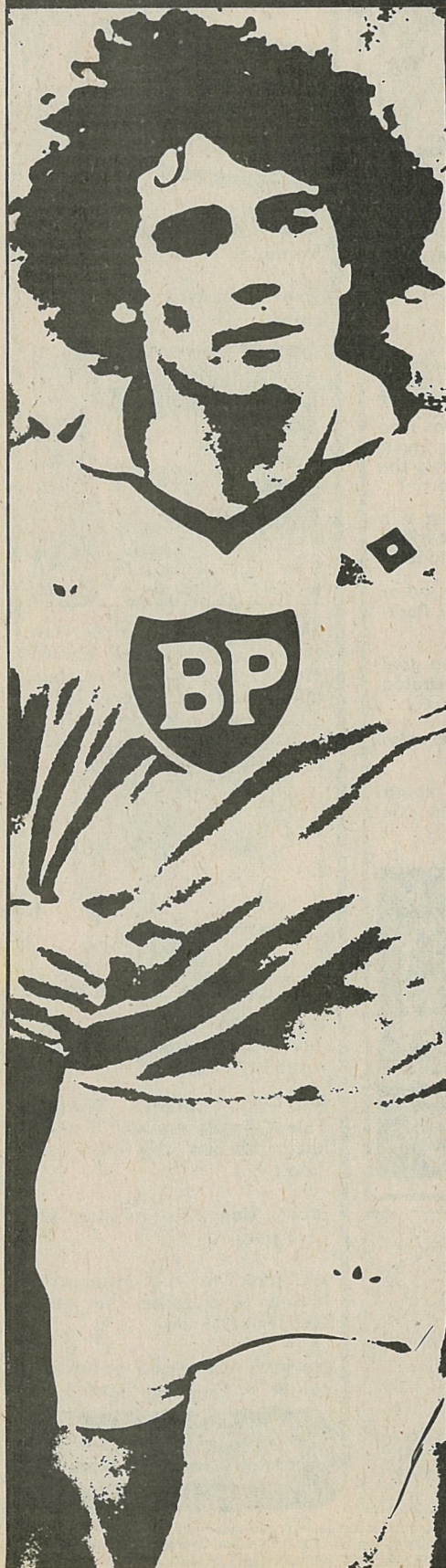
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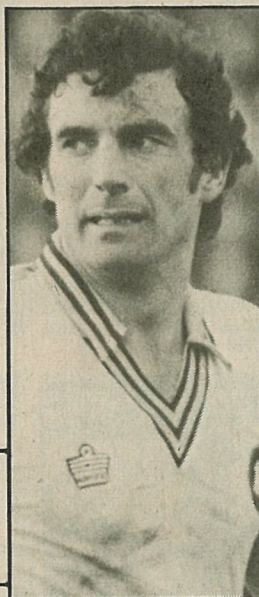
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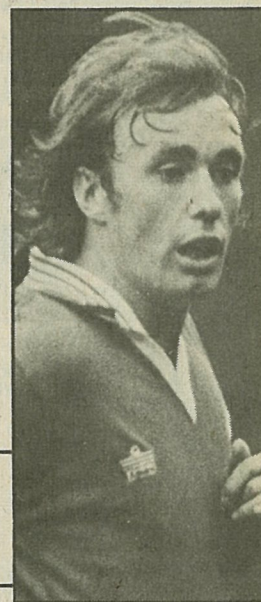
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**TREVOR
BROOKING**
(West Ham)



*'Like a
breath
of
fresh air'*

**SAMMY
McILROY**
(Man. Utd.)



I WAS one of the few outsiders who was in on the secret. Kevin indicated as much when I saw him at the England-Republic of Ireland match so it wasn't a total surprise.

My first reaction was whether it will make other players think before heading abroad? They may still because Kevin did have two very good years at Hamburg and clearly made enough money to be able to pick and choose a club, regardless of cash.

What his return may mean is other players who venture abroad, following his example and go for just two or three years. It is an ideal opportunity to use European clubs as a chance to earn some top money for a couple of years, before returning home.

Benefit

It's fabulous news from the English point of view. Everybody will benefit. Southampton players and supporters particularly. The First Division will also benefit because they will get bigger gates when Saints visit.

What was in Lawrie's mind was the need to find stability for Southampton. Several clubs are having a good season, as Southampton are in 1979-80, but it's very hard to maintain that good form. Saints must stand a great chance with Kevin in the line-up to strike that consistency. Lawrie knows the need to build on this very successful season and ensure it doesn't slip away in 1980-81 and in future seasons.

It is not a financial gamble. The extra money from bigger home attendances, larger share of the away gate plus plenty of sponsorship will pay the reported fee of £410,000 many times over. That's what I call a shrewd business deal considering we're talking about the European Footballer of the Year.

When the news leaked it gave us the perfect incentive and made us more determined than ever to win promotion this season at Upton Park! We certainly want to be part of a First Division with Kevin Keegan playing in it.

KEEGAN'S return will be like a breath of fresh air for the First Division! With the departure of players like Keegan, Woodcock and Cunningham and so much talk about others going, it's got to be a real renewal of faith in English football if the European Footballer of the Year wants to return so badly.

The players will be pleased to see a personality like Kevin coming back. He will cause a few sleepless nights for defenders but what a boost for the start of next season. I admit I was surprised to see him join Southampton.

Having said that, it's the best thing that could have happened to the club and the fans. All credit to Lawrie McMenemy — the scoop of a decade.

Kevin likes a challenge. Winning honours with Southampton will give him more pleasure than almost anything. It's different when you are expected to win trophies, and Kevin has had plenty of that at Liverpool and Hamburg.

His return really sums up that the First Division is admired and respected throughout the world. People have knocked it recently but the fact Keegan chose it in preference to Barcelona, Juventus, Hamburg and America speaks volumes for the quality and overall standard here.

Having Kevin available for every World Cup game and other internationals, increases England's chances but it will take more than just Kevin Keegan to win the World Cup for England.

It will lift the Southampton side's confidence enormously and maybe he'll do the same job for them that Alan Ball had done in the last couple of years before his move to Blackpool. Whatever happens, they're certain to be stronger and who knows how it will affect other teams.

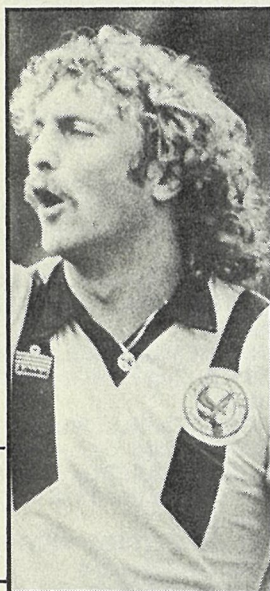
But one word of warning — the same applies to Saints as to England. One man, even if it's Kevin Keegan, cannot be expected to win the First Division title off his own bat. The others must react too to get the right effect from his arrival.

The League welcomes him back

It's been a month since Kevin Keegan shocked the soccer world by announcing he was returning to English football next season with Southampton. SHOOT spoke to five players about the topic that is still the highlight of most soccer conversations.

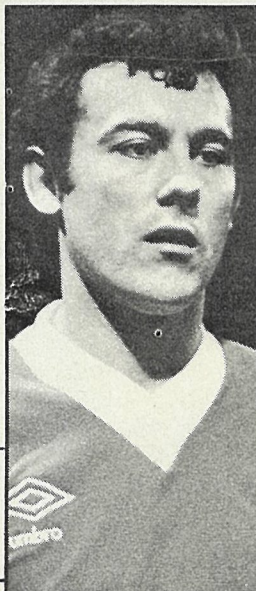
'A big challenge for the First Division'

JIM CANNON
(Crystal Palace)



'Right not to come back here'

RAY KENNEDY
(Liverpool)



'I'll learn from Kevin'

STEVE WILLIAMS
(Southampton)



KEVIN will make a major difference to Southampton next season. They have become a much better side since Charlie George, Alan Ball and Mike Channon arrived — and with Keegan joining, they'll be a real force.

Kevin's influence on the younger players like Steve Williams and Graham Baker will be enormous.

Liverpool's reign in English football cannot last forever. When their decline comes, as it surely will someday, then maybe Southampton will be the side to take over from them. I hope it's Crystal Palace, but it could well be Saints.

It's nice to have Kevin Keegan back in English football. With so much talk about players going abroad, it might make players sit down and think before heading off for a German or Spanish club. The English game has enough problems without losing players all the time to Europe. Stars like Keegan add great excitement to our game and if top talent like Keegan departs for Europe, our First Division will be the one to suffer.

Calibre

For the top players in the First, it will be a marvellous challenge to have Keegan opposing them. He is the European Footballer of the Year and playing against someone of that calibre is beneficial for all. It will be much more interesting for defenders!

Kevin has the experience of playing against man-for-man marking and has shown he can lose any 'shadow' with his speed and quick-thinking. I'm not sure which position he will play for Saints — midfield or further forward — but wherever he plays he will still be someone who will have to be watched all the time.

It will put thousands on attendances, not only in Southampton but right across the country. Saints will benefit and maybe one of the thoughts behind it was to put pressure on the council for a new ground. If so, they couldn't have produced a better argument!

IT'S nice to see Kevin again and I'm sure he did the right thing not coming back to Liverpool. I mean that in the nicest way but he would have disrupted tactics at Anfield. He had six good years here and if he had returned, people might have expected too much from him.

In his last season, he helped the club win the European Cup and he couldn't have done more than that.

We play to a certain system at the club and his arrival would have meant a change. Yes, Southampton was the correct decision made by Kevin.

It remains to be seen whether his arrival will turn Southampton into a Championship-winning side. You need more than one man to do that and I question if Southampton are ready to take the title. They have too many old stars and may need to bring in some younger players. Channon, Nicholl and Watson have plenty of experience but maybe they're ageing a little.

I have a feeling Kevin has not been really happy in Germany. It's only a personal opinion, but I reckon that if he was keen on the foreign football and the lifestyle, he wouldn't have hesitated in going from Hamburg to Barcelona, Juventus or a big club like that. His decision to come home indicates he prefers the Football League plus of course, our way of living.

I don't feel his decision to return will have much effect on other players who intend to go abroad. There will always be some who fancy trying their luck in another country and it won't make any difference to them.

But it is a good thing for English football that Kevin is returning. It proves the point that most of us have been making for some time: that the First Division is the best.

Kevin is right to get his personal life settled, that's more important than anything. Peace of mind is great and if his family will be happier here, then he's right.

Good luck to him — he'll add cash to the coffers of League clubs throughout the country and may even be the factor in bringing Saints the new ground they want.

ONE moment the room at the Press Conference was filled with reporters and television men from London and the local region.

None of us knew why we were there. Lawrie McMenemy, our manager, had a beaming smile for most people that day — but he gave no indication to those gathered there why he seemed so happy.

Then it all happened. The door opened and in swept possibly the most photographed face in football. I just couldn't believe it. Kevin Keegan, in person, there in the same room.

A million thoughts went through my head in a split second. Why Southampton? Then all was revealed. Kevin Keegan was joining MY club.

Astonishment

For years I had thought my only chance of playing with the Great Man was to pull on an England shirt in the same international team. To my utter astonishment he was coming to change in the same dressing room at The Dell.

The fans will love Kevin but no more than I shall enjoy feeding him the ball from midfield for those thrilling runs he makes.

I learned a great deal from Alan Ball, another player I respect immensely. Alan's going to Blackpool and I'm sure Kevin will give the players the same help.

Mind you football's a funny game. It dawned on me later that Lawrie might give him my shirt. Heaven forbid.

Remember what happened when Osvaldo Ardiles joined Tottenham. Spurs gates were given a tremendous boost at home — and their following away rivalled that of Manchester United or Liverpool. Everyone wanted to see Ossie.

Kevin Keegan will have the same impact on our crowds at The Dell. And I'm sure the whole country will turn out to see the European Footballer of the Year when we go away.

FOCUS ON GRAHAM RIX

ARSENAL

FULL NAME: Graham Rix
BIRTHPLACE: Doncaster
BIRTHDATE: October 23, 1957
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 10st 6lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes to Gill
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Lancia Beta 2000
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Wim Van Hanegem (Feyenoord) and Eddie Gray
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leeds
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: My wife Gill!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1979 F.A. Cup Final against Man. United
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing football and being paid for doing so
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being made sub for the 1978 F.A. Cup Final v Ipswich
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Singapore/Sweden
FAVOURITE FOOD: Home-made steak and kidney pie
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Snooker, Capital Radio and my Sunday lunch-time pint
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Ignorant people
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Tom & Jerry, Fawlty Towers, any Ronnie Barker programme and Nationwide
FAVOURITE ACTORS: John Cleese, Jack Nicholson, Humphrey Bogart
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Alex Harvey, Status Quo
BEST FRIEND: Gill
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My mum and dad and everyone at Arsenal
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: People in respected positions without deserving it
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth, Under-21 and 'B' caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay as happy as I am now, both at home and work
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the European Cup with Arsenal
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A very unhappy brain surgeon
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD
WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? John Cleese

Graham Rix

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